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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Royal Visit

THE visit of Their Royal Highnesses, the Duchess of Kent and her eldest son, is nearing its end, and it can be stated without qualification that no event in the long history of the Colony has given the community more pleasure. Everything that has happened this week has confirmed the advance reports received in Hongkong concerning the Duchess's charm and graciousness. She has proved herself to be an ideal ambassador of the Royal Family and has forged a new and valuable link between the British Throne and the Colony. Nothing has been more impressive about the Royal visit than the deep and very genuine interest which the Duchess of Kent has shown in Hongkong's affairs. The community also derives gratification from the knowledge that Her Royal Highness has been impressed by the Colony and the endeavours which are being made to deal with our manifold social problems. We believe that the Royal Highnesses will carry away pleasant memories of Hongkong. The Colony, on its part, will always remember with pride and delight the royal visit. Nothing would afford Hongkong greater pleasure than being given another opportunity of receiving the Duchess of Kent and members of her family in the not too distant future.

Cart Before Horse

MR Vyshinsky's proposal for reaching a settlement of the Korean war—the creation of a special commission to consider the best way of establishing permanent peace in that country—is rather like putting the cart before the horse. The Soviet Minister ignored completely the first and immediate requirement—a cessation of hostilities through an agreed armistice. It is this problem which the United Nations Political Committee and the General Assembly are concerned with at the moment and until the problem has been resolved it is futile to devote attention to the subject of a final and permanent settlement of the Korean conflict. When the Communists have agreed to an armistice on fair and just conditions, and have demonstrated their willingness to abide by the terms of the truce, it will then be feasible to consider the establishment of a Commission to tackle the bigger task of finding a formula for permanent peace in Korea. Until then any such move as advocated by Mr Vyshinsky is meaningless.

New Revolution

THE third economic crisis in Britain since the war has brought overdue realism into all discussion of the country's present and future. The maldistribution of labour, materials, equipment and management has steadily become plain during the past year, and hopes of better living now rely fairly and squarely on management and with this the willingness of the workers and trade unions to co-operate in more productive arrangements. Management now consists of two functions. The first is a specialisation of skills and techniques. The second is more general, more an art of direction and supervision at the highest level. It compares with the function of a general officer in the army. It is the lack of these general officers which is now the main managerial problem. The real managerial revolution is not the multiplicity of technicians but efficient managers at the highest level of direction.

Woman Found Dead In A Bathtub

New York, Oct. 30. Francine Cook, 35, wife of a London newspaper correspondent, was found dead today in a half-filled bathtub in their apartment here.

Police said there were razor slashes on her wrist. Her husband, Mr Frederick Cook, said his wife visited him at his office earlier today and appeared in good spirits. French-born, she met and married her husband in France after the last war.—Reuter.

Anti-British Demonstration By Children

Buenos Aires, Oct. 30. Thousands of Argentine secondary schoolboys and girls paraded through the centre of Buenos Aires with whistles and drums today chanting "no more meat for Britain unless Britain gives up the Malvinas" (Falkland Islands). They booed the Uruguayan Consulate and the Uruguayan tourist office shouting that the Uruguayan officials should leave the country. The schools were closed specially to enable the children to demonstrate in favour of Argentina's claim to the Falklands. British occupied since 1832, which has come to the fore again after Argentina's protest to Uruguay over the dependency. Uruguay recently appointed a Consul to Port Stanley, seat of the Falklands British Governor, to regulate traffic between Montevideo and the islands. Argentina considers this a step toward recognition of Britain's rights there.

A special courier left Buenos Aires today with a second Argentine note to Uruguay on the Uruguay-Argentine consular appointment in Port Stanley. It was Argentina's answer to a Uruguayan reply to her first protest note sent last week. Since the dispute arose, Argentine-Uruguayan trade and travel has been at a standstill.—Reuter.

Italian Proposal

Rome, Oct. 30. Italy today proposed to Yugoslavia that she should ask the Yugoslav Court to pronounce the validity of measures taken by Yugoslavia in the last six years in her zone of the Trieste free territory.—Reuter.

Chinese Troops Win Back Triangle Hill Area

A regiment of Chinese won the Triangle Hill area this morning in bitter fighting and surrounded the key crest.

Associated Press correspondent John Randolph said two battalions of Chinese penetrated Allied defences and reached the crest about 2.00 a.m. in the 18th day of the twin battle for Triangle and Sniper Ridge. Shortly before the 12,000 to 15,000 Chinese took the commanding crest of Triangle Hill. Allied artillery, knocked back another battalion hitting a finger to the east. This appeared to be a diversionary attack while the main force took the red clay and granite crest of Triangle. An Allied officer said the situation was so confused at 7.30 this morning that he had no report on whether the Chinese still held Triangle. The Chinese launched their pounding against Sniper Ridge to the east of Triangle during the night. The front report said the Reds probed the crest of Sniper point hill during the night with two to three companies but withdrew around dawn in the face of withering artillery and small arms fire. The Chinese attacked on Triangle Hill about midnight without firing their usual heavy concentration of artillery and mortar. Two battalions attacked the crest of Triangle at the same time that the third battalion hit the finger to the east. Allied artillery and mortar guns blasted away at the Reds with thousands of shells but did not stop the southward advance on Triangle's crest. Associated Press.

UN DEBATE ON KOREA ARMISTICE

Selwyn Lloyd Puts Four Questions To Vyshinsky

BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE TO POW ISSUE

United Nations, Oct. 30.

Great Britain today called for "collective determination" not to allow the single prisoner of war issue delay an "honourable armistice" in Korea any longer.

The appeal was made by Mr Selwyn Lloyd, British Minister of State, in a speech before the United Nations Political Committee on the deadlocked question of the repatriation of prisoners.

Mr Lloyd challenged the assertion of the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, that the Allied position against forcible repatriation violated the Geneva Convention.

He said the Convention provided that "prisoners of war shall be released and repatriated without delay after cessation of active hostilities." He asked: "Can it be said that a prisoner has been released if he has, in effect, to be conveyed in chains to the authorities of his own country?"

Mr Lloyd said: "We are not only ready but eager to examine any and every proposal that may be put forward in good faith to overcome the present difficulty, provided it does not involve forcible repatriation."

He told the Political Committee that suggestions already made by United Nations negotiators remained open. "Acceptances of any sort of them would at once lead to the armistice which we all so much desire."

"Surely, such a solution should not be prevented by some feeling of prestige or necessity for face saving," he added. Mr Lloyd said the United Nations was entitled to hear from the Soviet Foreign Minister what his position was on the forcible repatriation of prisoners who feared for their lives if they were returned. Lloyd said Vyshinsky's position was not clear from his speech yesterday. Mr Lloyd asked whether Vyshinsky's position was in favour of forcible repatriation or against it. A frank answer by Vyshinsky would be of very much more assistance to the solution of the problems than the setting up of yet another commission as he proposed in his new resolution. "Unless we can get clear answers on these points I fail to see how a new commission will help. If we do get the answers for which I hope and expect, then no new commission is necessary. The matter can be speedily settled through existing machinery."

FOUR QUESTIONS

Mr Lloyd asked Vyshinsky the following four questions: 1. Did he agree that the only issue preventing an armistice was repatriation of prisoners? 2. Must all prisoners be repatriated, if necessary, forcibly? 3. Did Vyshinsky interpret a letter sent General Clark by North Korean and Chinese commanders on October 8, insisting upon the repatriation of prisoners forcibly if necessary?

Mr Lloyd said: "We are not only ready but eager to examine any and every proposal that may be put forward in good faith to overcome the present difficulty, provided it does not involve forcible repatriation."

4. In what way the proposals in that letter and in a statement by General Nam Il on October 8 and his letter to General Harrison on October 11 new as suggested by Vyshinsky? Mr Lloyd devoted most of his speech to a discussion of the prisoners issue.

Mr Lloyd said Mr Vyshinsky spent much time yesterday trying to prove that South Korea had attacked North Korea "on the theory that untruths, if repeated sufficiently often, may become accepted as truth."

He added: "Reasonable people have no doubt as to the identity of the aggressors."

POOL IDEAS

Mr Lloyd suggested they should proceed on the assumption that all the parties wanted an armistice in Korea and pool all ideas. He added: "Can we not make this debate an occasion for temperate and reasonable discussion upon the merits of the prisoner issue?"

He said the debate enable us to express our collective determination not to allow this single matter any longer to delay that honourable armistice. "The motion of forcible repatriation introduces an element quite foreign to the normal conception of repatriation and not in any way implied by it," Mr Lloyd said. The Communist charge that the United Nations was violating the Geneva Convention would sound "a little less incongruous" if the Communists themselves had not flouted the Convention on a variety of points.

In defiance of the Geneva Convention they had consistently refused the International Committee of the Red Cross access to camps; they had established camps too close to legitimate military targets; and they refused to transmit prisoners of war mail and refused to admit relief supplies.

(North Korean General Nam Il's statement on October 8—referred to by Mr Lloyd in his speech—was made at the last session of the truce talks in Panmunjom before the current adjournment. (General Harrison, chief United Nations truce negotiator, rejected the proposal because it contained "nothing new or reasonable.")

(On October 16 the Chinese and North Korean commanders, in a letter to General Mark Clark, United Nations Commander, made what Peking described as "new proposals."

(But the key point of the proposals was a renewed plea for total repatriation of prisoners of war which the United Nations have refused to accept.)—Reuter.

State Of Siege Around Teheran. Teheran, Oct. 30. A state of siege was proclaimed today in the areas surrounding Teheran up to a distance of 50 to 80 kilometres from the capital.

The reason given for the state of siege was that disturbances had taken place in the countryside as a result of differences of opinion between landowners and peasants.—France-Press.

BRITAIN AND EGYPT

Dispute Settlement Believed Nearer

Cairo, Oct. 30. Prospects appeared brighter on Thursday for an eventual settlement of the Anglo-Egyptian dispute, following the signing of the agreement between Egypt and the Sudan recognising the Sudanese rights to self-rule and self-determination.

Britain had already agreed to the same thing with the Sudan. The Sudan has proved one of the most difficult problems to solve between Britain and Egypt and caused the collapse of the draft agreement shortly after the end of World War II which almost ended the dispute over the Suez Canal zone.

A subsequent Egyptian appeal to the UN Security Council has stood in the way of settlement of the Suez dispute. Egypt, apprehensive about her vital interests in Nile waters, has always considered unity with Sudan a matter of life and death. Although she has admitted Sudan's right to settle the issue, she still hopes the Sudanese themselves will vote freely for Nile Valley unity with Egypt.

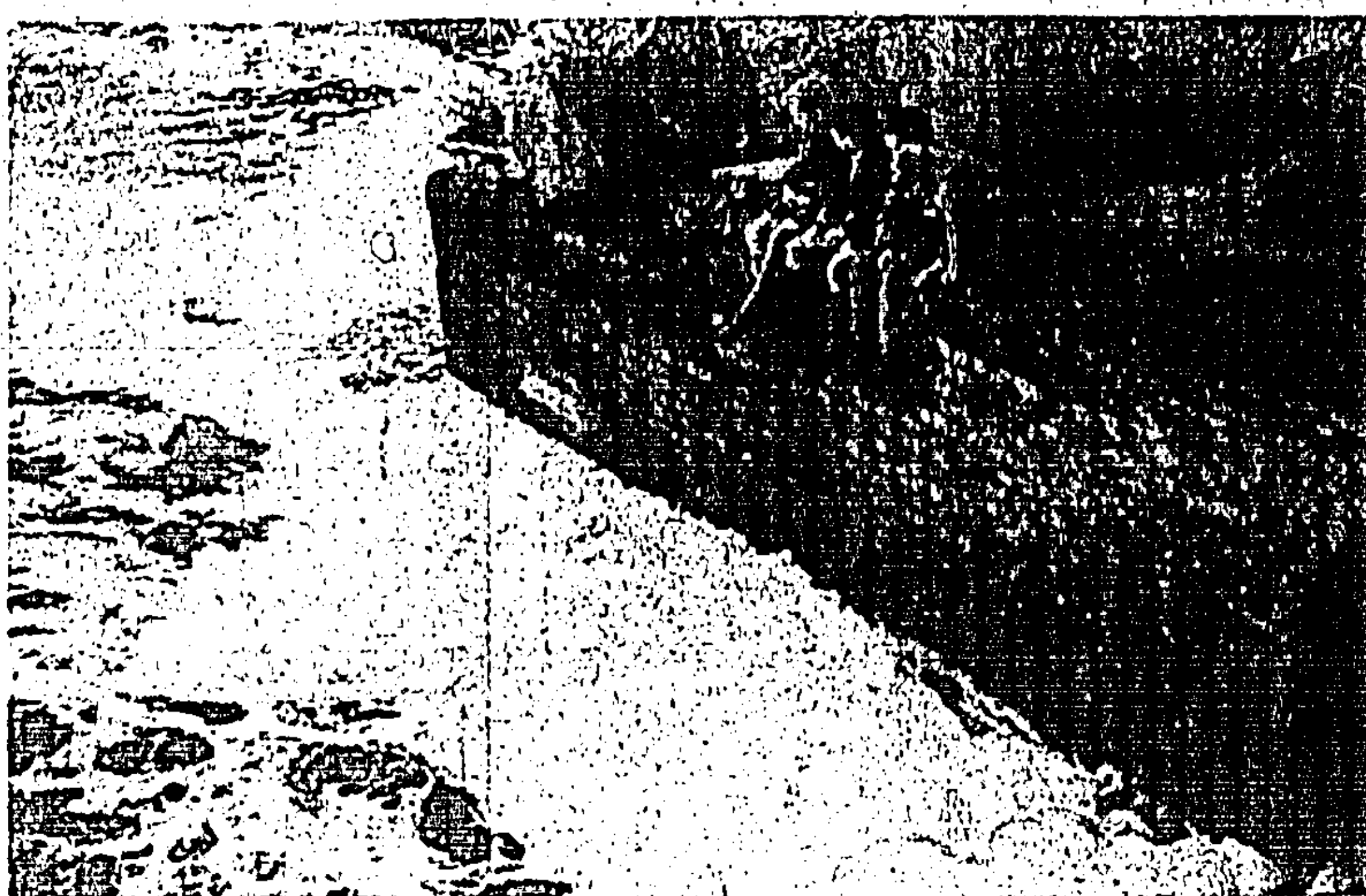
NEW APPROACH

This step toward removal of the obstacle of Sudan left the hurdle of the Suez Canal between Egypt and Britain. Egyptian observers found the main significance of the Sudan settlement in the emergence of a new approach in Egypt toward old national issues. They believed that with its fresh outlook, the regime of Premier Gen. Mohamed Naguib can solve the problem of British occupation of the Canal zone and circumvent the difficulties in the way of creation of a Middle East defence organisation.

Meanwhile, the Egyptian government appointed Dardir Ismail, leader of the Sudanese Unionist Nile Valley party, Under-Secretary of State for Sudan affairs. It was the first appointment of a Sudanese citizen to a high government post in Egypt. Ismail will be attached to the cabinet and will be responsible directly to Naguib.

Sudanese elections are expected to be held before the end of the year under a multiple-control order to ensure free voting. Informal sources said they said that aside from Egyptian, British and Sudanese observers, representatives of neutral States, like India and Pakistan may be asked to send observers to join the supervisory committees.—United Press.

Puzzle Of The Foaming River



The quiet flowing river Arun in Sussex has twice recently surged into a mighty froth of super suds. Wherever the water rushed through sluices in its course, huge heaps of glistening bubble rose out of the river. Drifts of bubbles along the river bank were deep enough to cover a man. A water expert shrugged off the phenomenon as a "climatic effect". But a professional analysis of samples disclosed that the water contains at least two parts per million of a surface active agent of the type used in soapsless detergents, and there is a slight trace of perfume in it. It is thought that there may be a heavy discharge into the river from some laundry or factory along its bank—but so far no definite answer has been found.—London Express.

500 Mau Mau Suspects Arrested In Mass Drive

Nairobi, Oct. 30.

Interrogating officers tonight began screening 500 Mau Mau suspects held in hastily erected prisoner "cages" after a mass drive by British and African troops in the Aberdare mountains. This was the jungle area to which thousands of young Kikuyu tribesmen trekked from their reserve last week-end.

Expert African trackers operated ahead of the troops trying to find out what the tribesmen are doing—whether they are planning terrorist raids or have fled for some other reason.

In the ten days since the emergency was declared, 3,000 Africans have been arrested, the police disclosed today. Of these, 1,800 have so far been taken to court. Government reports tonight said the situation was generally quiet. In some districts the atmosphere appeared to have improved in the past 24 hours, but in the Mau Mau "black areas" tension and unrest were still considerable.

HOME GUARDS

On the northern slopes of Mount Kenya, chiefs and headmen are forming their own home guards. Tribesmen armed with spears are manning road barriers and carrying out day and night patrols. A troop of armoured cars has been sent to the north Kinangop area, where a British farmer was murdered earlier this week. Throughout the Colony settlers are maintaining their round-the-clock alert to protect isolated farms against murder raids. In Nairobi the British Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, spent the first full day of his inspection visit in talks with Mau Mau agents.

To counter the Mau Mau's "black magic," an army artillery battery staged its own show "magic" at Nanyuki, 125 miles north of here. Two guns were fired and a pile of gun cotton was set off. As a climax a light bulb was lit by an invisible beam and a photo electric cell. The crowd of 1,500 natives was reportedly "amazed".—Reuter.

POW CAMP RIOT

4 Koreans Killed, Three Wounded

Pusan, Oct. 31. Four Koreans were killed and three wounded yesterday (Thursday) in an attempted mass break from a prison camp for captured guerrillas in Kwangju.

Reports said 114 inmates rioted and tried to force entry into a weapons storehouse. Guards fired into the rioters and quelled the disturbance after 45 minutes of fighting, camp officials said.

Most of the prisoners were members of Communist-led guerrilla bands which had operated in the vicinity of Kwangju, 80 miles west of Pusan.

All were under sentences of death or life imprisonment, the prison commander reported. The guerrilla bands were organized by North Korean Army regulars who were bypassed in South Korea when the Allies burst from the Pusan perimeter in the autumn of 1950 and shattered the Red Army.—Associated Press.

40 Arrested For Aiding Guerillas

Singapore, Oct. 30. Forty Chinese, suspected of having supplied food to Communist guerrillas, were arrested in Johore villages today.

The arrests were made by security forces searching for a terrorist gang that raided Pokan Jabi on Monday. The gang inflicted "severe" casualties on police and Home Guards and seized a sizable quantity of arms.

The raiding raid came after disclosure by an Army spokesman at Kuala Lumpur that the Malaysian Communist Party had instructed terrorists to curtail their activities against civilians and instead concentrate on capturing arms and ammunition from the government security forces.

The raid was carried out by the third platoon of the terrorists' Eighth Regiment. RAF air raids on jungle areas in the hope of flushing the platoon out into the open failed to produce any result.—United Press.

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German Chaplain Facing Trial



In March 1951 Dr Karl Klinkhammer, Chaplain of Dusseldorf-Hardt, faced the court charged with rioting and disturbance of the peace after having taken part in demonstrations against the showing in the film "The Sinner." Recently the Chaplain faced another series of similar charges following further demonstrations against the showing of the same film. The Chaplain is at left of front row.—Express Photo.

General Naguib Issues Denial

Cairo, Oct. 30.—Premier Mohamed Naguib's government today issued a communique to-day denying official reports that it was preparing to proclaim Egypt a Republic.

The office of the Premier absolutely denies these reports and stresses that they aim at spreading lies to create anxiety in Egypt and give the impression that the present regime is working in instability. "These reports have been published along with rumours of a forthcoming Cabinet reshuffle, which also are utterly false," Associated Press.

PREPARING NEW MOVE ON TUNISIA

United Nations, Oct. 30.—A Tunisian Nationalist spokesman told reporters today that the Arab-Asian group in the United Nations is preparing a resolution for the General Assembly demanding immediate unconditional independence for Tunisia.

The spokesman, Salah Ben Yusef, Secretary-General of the Neo-Destour Nationalist Party, said the Tunisian "National Front" with the approval of the Bey of Tunis was not prepared further to negotiate bilaterally with France but only under United Nations auspices.

Salah Ben Yusef said that when France had recognised Tunisia's independence and full sovereignty, Tunisia would be ready to negotiate a treaty of alliance and co-operation within the framework of the United Nations Charter.

Tunisia was prepared to co-operate fully with the Moroccan independence scheme for the defence of free countries, but she was not prepared to be a member of the French Union, Salah Ben Yusef said.—Reuter.

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New Theory On Future Of Pound Is Discredited

British View Of Tokyo Forecast

London, Oct. 30.—A Tokyo forecast, attributed to the Japanese Finance Ministry, that Sterling will shortly be made a flexible currency and allowed to fluctuate between US\$2.30 and US\$3.00, has attracted attention here mainly because of its neatness and precision.

Everybody likes figures and this forecast has two figures—or two more than most forecasts of Sterling's future have had.

But admiration of its refreshing neatness is not the same as concurrence.

No support for the Tokyo theory can be found here in any reliable quarter. The only rival to this theory was the tentative suggestion idly discussed some months ago that the Sterling Area might "append" Canada—which is always pressing for a fully convertible Sterling—and make a start towards ultimate complete freedom for Sterling by moving the trading range for free dealings some ten cents below and above the present range of US\$2.78 and \$2.82.

That would mean that the dollar price for Sterling would be allowed to range between \$2.68 and \$2.92. Whenever sales of Sterling against dollars were so heavy that the price fell to \$2.68 then the Bank of England would intervene as a seller of dollars and a buyer of Sterling. On the other hand, when the demand for Sterling was so strong as to drive the price up to \$2.92 the Bank would sell enough Sterling to satisfy the current demand.

In international relations, "gestures" have a real utility and everybody admits that some such scheme as this "gesture" to Canada might make a strong appeal to the assembled Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

BANKERS' DEMAND

This subject of "flexible Sterling" is definitely on their agenda—that much is freely admitted. But informed opinion believes that the Prime Ministers will be forced, regardless of feelings, to reject the idea of another adventure in Sterling.

What bankers and traders of the Sterling Area demand is not a fluctuating pound dedicated piously to the support of the battered theory known as "price mechanism."

All Western countries still occasionally listen to speeches lauding the virtues of free markets and "price mechanism" but not one of them tolerates these ancient concepts when they become inconvenient. What bankers and traders of the Sterling Area want is a strong Pound Sterling—one with such ample reserves that it remains steady around a definite point.

This is a long-term job, a completely boring job, worse yet, it cannot be accomplished until there is also an "international" dollar instead of what they believe to be at present a highly nationalistic dollar.

DEBT TO U.S.

The U.S. as a creditor of the rest of the capitalist world must let that part of the world pay its debts in goods and services. It is freely admitted that this too is part of the Sterling "problem."

In general, informed sentiment in London can be packed aged not unfairly in some such form as this:

No more spectacular and costly adventures in Sterling. Improve and again improve and once more improve exports. And take another look and still another one at imports—some of the slashes have caused damage abroad which must be repaired. No more devaluation of Sterling—not even ten cents. All devaluation of Sterling is treated abroad as competitive manoeuvres and the counter-measures worsen the whole world situation.

Then what will be the situation in 1953? Heaven only knows.—United Press.

Mau Mau Last Of Old Africa

British MP's View

London, Oct. 30.

"Mau Mau is a death spasm of the Old Africa—the Africa of the slave-trade era which Britain ended, the Africa of the murderous tribal wars, the Africa which has stagnated over so many centuries in savagery, helpless resignation and utter squalor."

Mr C. J. M. Alport M.P., author of the newly-published book "Hope in Africa", expressed the above view in a B.B.C. talk to Asia.

He pleaded the importance of keeping the present situation in Kenya in perspective. It was not, he said, another Malaya. He had no doubt that Communism was fighting in troubled waters there as elsewhere, but he did not think it was a very potent influence yet.

While outwardly Mau Mau was a terrorist society, designed to drive all Europeans from Kenya, it was equally opposed, Mr Alport said, to all Africans and Indians who hold positions of responsibility or represented any sort of constituted authority.

"The Mau Mau leaders," he went on, "are not progressives, they are not Nationalists in the normal sense. They are reactionaries. They fear and hate change. They feed on the anxieties and suspicions of the ordinary tribesmen of the bush, who are still slaves to ignorance and superstition, and who watch saucer-eyed while the local witch-doctor works his magic with coloured powders and the entrails of a goat."

He concluded: "If terrorism in Kenya is allowed to stop the clock of progress in Eastern Africa, even for only a short space of time, it will do great damage to European and African interests alike."

Irish Factory Produces Its First Canberra

London, Oct. 30.

Rear-Admiral Slattery, Chairman of Short Brothers, aircraft manufacturers, announced in London today that the first Canberra jet bomber had come off the production line at their factory in Belfast and was making its first flight today.

Short Brothers are the first of three British aircraft companies, all of whom are producing English Electric Canberras, to announce that the first aircraft has come off the production line and is about to fly. This new production line of Canberras is an important factor in accelerating the requirement of R.A.F. squadrons with one of the latest types of jet bombers.

Admiral Slattery said that full production had been achieved well ahead of schedule and the Canberras will now be rolling off the production line in increasing numbers.

It was hoped to start production of the Comet early in 1954. They had an order for 16 Canberras but they could produce a Comet a week at Belfast "without turning a hair," if only orders were available.—Reuter.

Minister Looks Into Future

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Oct. 30.

The Minister of Supply, Mr Duncan Sandys, said today that it might not be many years before atomic energy became a practical proposition as an alternative source of industrial power.

Britain was making heavy demands on industry for three vital purposes—exports, armaments and for the equipment of industry, he said at a luncheon before the opening of an industrial exhibition.

These demands, added together made a call upon Britain's resources greater than it was possible to meet in full. Therefore, less urgent parts of the defence programme had to be spread over a longer period to lighten the strain on the metal-using industries.—Reuter.

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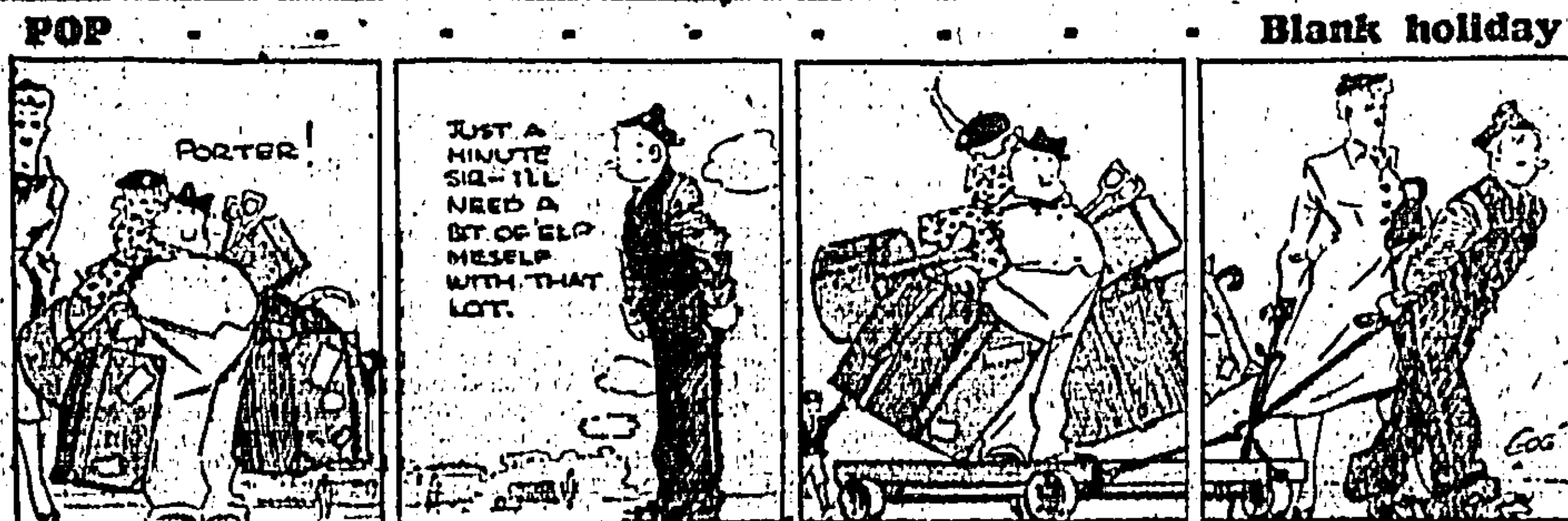
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THAI GOLD IMPORTS AUTHORISED

Bangkok, Oct. 30. The Thai Government today authorised the newly-created Financial Syndicate to import 40,000 ounces of gold during November.

This quantity would be imported in eight shipments of 5,000 ounces each.

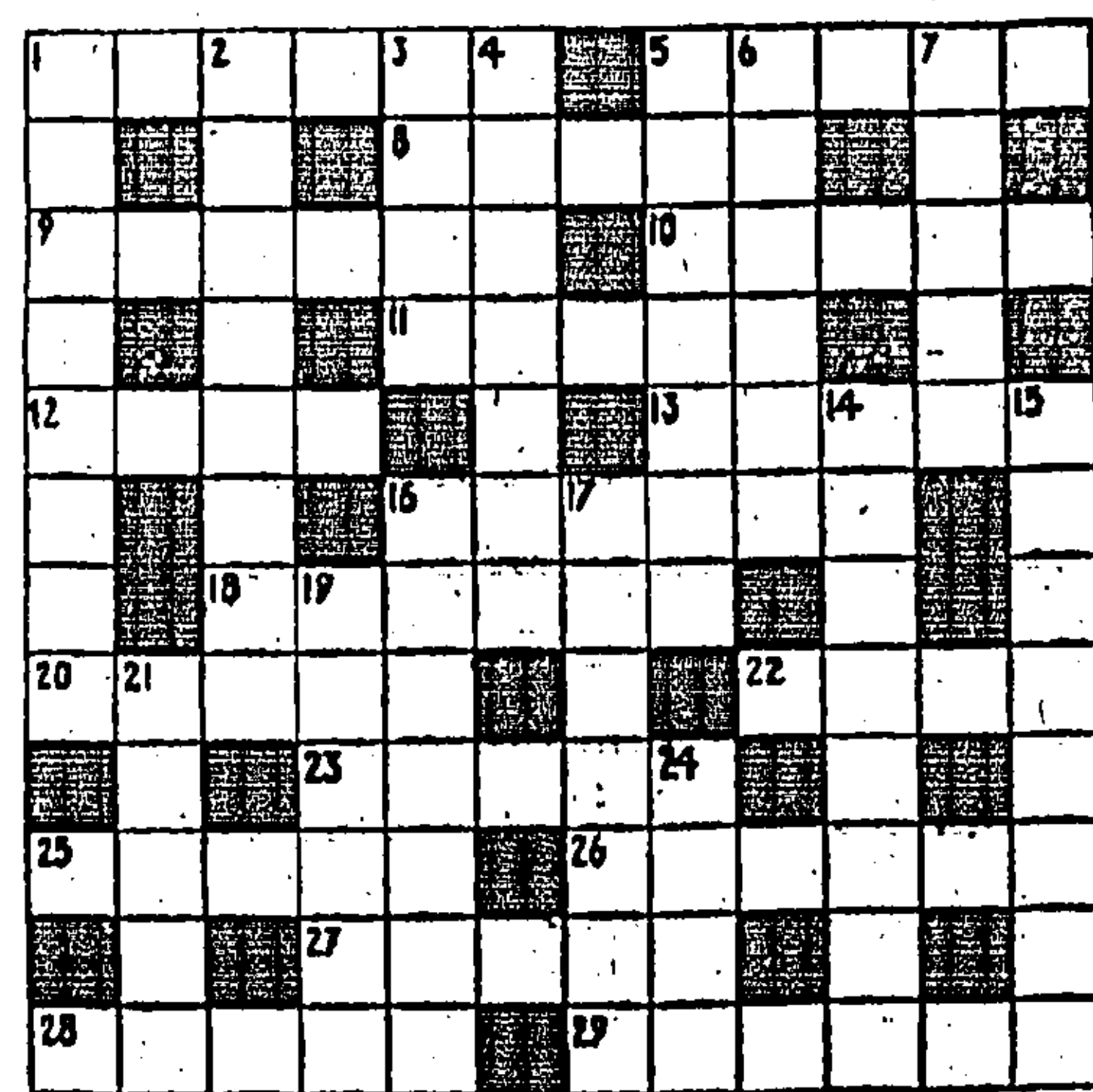
The Financial Syndicate—composed of nine local banks and one import-export firm—has called for tenders locally and also for C.I.F. Bangkok quotations from abroad, such as Tangiers, Belgium, Holland, London and Australia, for 99.9 per cent fineness.

It is understood that the Syndicate will make an advance payment of 50 per cent prior to shipment and pay the rest after satisfactory delivery.

The Gold Syndicate, comprising 12 leading Chinese gold merchants, has also been permitted to import gold with the knowledge of the Financial Syndicate, for which one per cent commission will be charged from the cost price by the Financial Syndicate.

According to trade sources, gold will be imported from wherever the price is favourable. Local gold prices today dropped considerably owing to this action and the price per Baht weight at 12.30 p.m. today was 12.348 buyers, and 350 sellers, compared with 12.355 and 358 yesterday. — Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Weapon (6).
 - Blacklegs (6).
 - Snake (5).
 - Crown (4).
 - Antic (6).
 - Metal fastener (5).
 - Observe (4).
 - Writing-tables (5).
 - Venerable (6).
 - Dodges (6).
 - Granted (5).
 - Stalk (4).
 - Wash out (5).
 - Scout (5).
 - Show (5).
 - Chimney corner (5).
 - Intended (6).
 - Unpleasant expressions (8).
- DOWN
- Pretending to knowledge (8).
 - Alarmed (6).
 - Past (4).
 - Restricted (7).
 - Withdraws from (7).
 - Shell-hole (6).
 - Interval (3).
 - Judgment (4).
 - Speaks imperfectly (8).
 - Beaming (7).
 - Ships (7).
 - Obnoxious creatures (8).
 - Unearthly (5).
 - Smooth (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Senn, 7 Lover, 8 Agog, 9 Hang, 10 Refuses, 12 Spot, 15 Least, 18 Used, 19 Over, 21 Raged, 22 Opal, 23 Kiosk, 24 Toys, 25 Devices, 26 Iris, 31 Ring, 32 Angry, 33 Numb, Down: 1 Hoped, 2 Republic, 4 Cruise, 5 Nazi, 6 Dodo, 7 Head, 11 Seedy, 13 Pool, 14 Tots, 16 Taper, 17 Grit, 18 Ugly, 20 Volant, 22 Odds, 24 Glimp, 25 Merry, 27 Omit, 28 Sign.

Korea War A Major Issue In Presidential Election

EISENHOWER PRODUCES VAN FLEET LETTER

New York, Oct. 30.

With the American presidential election only five days ahead, the rival candidates today continued to fight fiercely "on the Korean front."

The Republican candidate, Mr Dwight Eisenhower, and the Democrat, Mr Adlai Stevenson, overnight developed their controversy on how to settle the Korean conflict.

Mr Eisenhower, in a broadcast, threw into the argument a letter written to Lieutenant-General James Van Fleet, Commanding the United Nations 8th Army in Korea. This said that if more South Korean divisions could be brought into service, American divisions could be released.

Mr Eisenhower today campaigned for the third successive day in New York. Mr Eisenhower ends his day with a rally in Madison Square Garden, where Mr Stevenson addressed 22,000 spectators on Tuesday night.

Mr Stevenson will be campaigning through the State of Pennsylvania in pursuit of 32 Electoral College votes.

President Truman in Chicago yesterday, after a strenuous attack on Mr Eisenhower as a military man, said the "Republican hatchet crew" would slash anything, including the nation's defences, if this would reduce taxes.

"If you add to this controlling group a chief executive who is experienced only in the military profession, the results may well be disastrous," he added.

Mr Stevenson said today that the United States could win world peace by international co-operation and by conquering poverty at home and abroad.

"Peace cannot be won like a war is won—in one mighty thrust."

"Peace, like good government, is something we have to work for with other free peoples to make the world a better place to live in," he added.

President Truman, carrying his fighting campaign for Mr Stevenson into Michigan, said that if America followed the Republican advice, "it will weaken our defences and allow Communism to take over."

On his third day of campaigning around New York, Mr Eisenhower said today that the Democrats were making his proposal to go to Korea, if elected, "because they are afraid it will cause them four years of cushy, comfortable jobs."

He said: "They said I am anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic, anti-everything." This was just plain lies, he declared.

"IKE'S" PLANS
According to the Christian Science Monitor, a newspaper noted for its responsible attitude to news, Mr Eisenhower plans to go to Korea ten days after the election, if he is elected.

In a copyrighted article by Roscoe Drummond, Chief of the Washington Bureau, the Monitor said Mr Eisenhower had planned to say so in his Detroit speech last week, but deleted the date because as President-elect he would have to be assured of the co-operation of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and of officials of the Administration.

It said he was prepared to try on the spot to find a way to improve the military situation or to further a peaceful settlement.

Points from today's election speeches: "President Truman" at Grand Rapids, Michigan: "I am convinced it would be most dangerous to all our hopes for peace if this country were turned over to a man like that (Eisenhower) and the party he represents."

NO EASY WAY
Mr Stevenson in Pennsylvania: "If I am elected President I will strive to end the noisy and unnecessary war between Government and business."

Mr Eisenhower in New York: "Nobody has ever heard me say there is an easy way out of the Korean War. Anybody knows that the way to find out about the war is to go there to see what is going on and try to stop the fighting."

Americans go to the polls on Wednesday to elect a successor to President Truman for the highest office in the land. They will name either Mr Stevenson or Mr Eisenhower, who left his command in Europe for the political fight.

The Democrats have held the Presidency for 20 years. Over 66,000,000 American citizens have the right to vote and between 60 and 65 million are expected to do so. In 1948 the total popular vote was 48-68.

They will not only be choosing a President, they will also choose Senators and members of the House of Representatives—the two Houses of Congress—some State Governors and officials throughout the 48 States.

"LIFE'S" FORECAST
In a forecast today on the voting, Life magazine estimated that General Eisenhower was assured of victory in States carrying 227 electoral votes and Governor Adlai Stevenson in States carrying 120 votes, while the issue was in doubt in States carrying 164 votes.

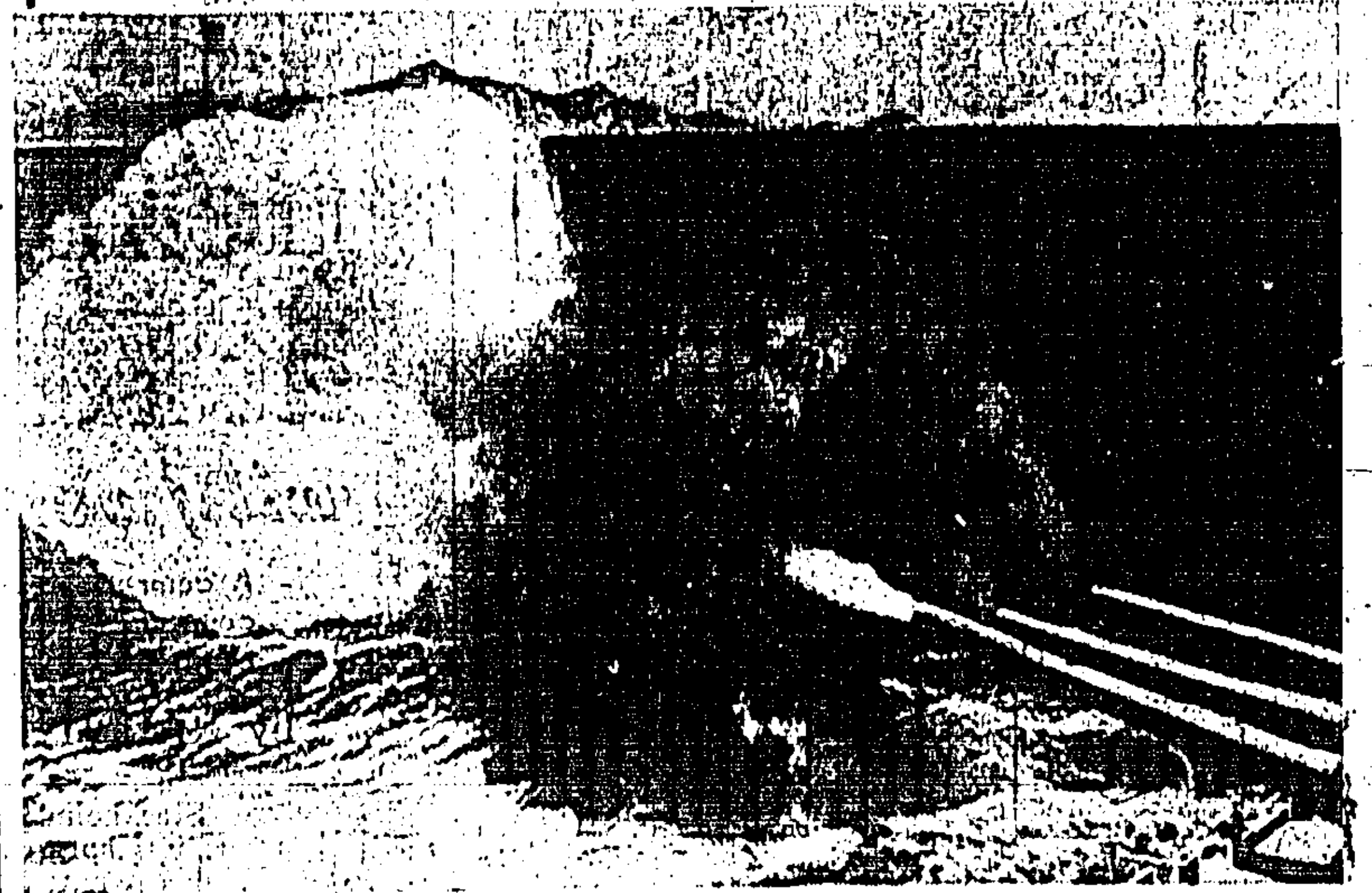
"All experts agree that the three States with large electoral votes—New York, California and Illinois—remain in doubt," Life wrote.

"Of these three, New York with 45 votes may well determine who attains the 266 votes to win the presidency," it added.

Life said that up and down the country, Republican officials are claiming successes that would give them a total of 470 electoral votes, while Democrats claim made up a total of 468.

—Reuters.

Shelling Coast Of North Korea



The muzzle blast of the U.S.S. Iowa's giant 16-inch guns makes patterns on the surface of the ocean as the brings enemy transportation facilities under fire off the coast of Korea. The rugged Korean terrain can be seen in the background. — Express Photo.

CHANGE OF MIND IN MOSCOW?

Mystery Of Red Marshal

Moscow, Oct. 30.

Pravda announced today that through "carelessness" of the Communist Party Accounting Commission, the name of Marshal L. A. Govorov was omitted from the official published list of Alternate Members of the Party Central Committee.

The official list was published 15 days ago, at the close of the All-Union Communist Party Congress. Such a mistake seems highly unlikely.

E. Germany Holds Up U.S. Tanks

Berlin, Oct. 30.

Communist guards refused to allow eight tanks through to Berlin today to reinforce United States positions there.

The tanks were being transported by rail across the stretch of Communist East Germany that separates Berlin from the West.

East German officials turned them back at the border check point of Marienborn.

It is the first time the Communists have interfered with the passage of military supplies. Six tanks were sent in earlier this month without incident.

American officials would make no comment pending an investigation but United States sources affirmed that the tanks had been stopped.

United States Army authorities in Berlin are in the process of replacing their Pershing tanks with the more up-to-date Patton type. The British garrison has half a squadron of Comet tanks. — Reuters.

Production In Britain Below The Estimate

London, Oct. 30.

Mr Harold Wilson, formerly President of the Board of Trade in the Labour Government, said today that production in Britain's industries was running at a rate about 10 per cent below the same period last year.

Challenging the Government on falling production, he said in Parliament: "That means that the whole basis of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's economic and financial policy is knocked away."

Sir Arthur Salter, Minister of State for Economic Affairs, said that Britain's export prospects had worsened since last March and it seemed unlikely that her production would rise as the Government had hoped.

This means that the three per cent extra output on which Mr Butler based his budget last March is unlikely to be realised. — Reuters.

Doctor's Advice To Fat Men

Chicago, Oct. 30.

Obesity often hurts the liver, Dr Samuel Zeiman, of Topeka, Kansas, reports in the American Medical Association Archives of Internal Medicine.

He found evidence of liver damage in all of 20 men who were 50 to 100 per cent overweight. Fat people are more likely to suffer from cirrhosis of the liver, he said. — Associated Press.

German Atomic Research

Agreement Reached With Allies

Frankfurt, Oct. 30.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Premier, has revealed that Germany now has an understanding with the Allies on atomic research.

Dr Adenauer, addressing the congress of the German Chemical Association, said the understanding was negotiated by Germany's No. 1 atom adviser, Dr Werner Heisenberg.

Dr Heisenberg, he disclosed, had represented Germany in all conferences with the Allies relating to atomic research after ratification of the "end the occupation" treaty.

Fifty-one year-old Dr Heisenberg, who in 1938 helped his colleague Otto Hahn to split the uranium atom for the first time, told the Congress:

"We can hope for greater freedom of research when Germany regains her sovereignty." Dr Heisenberg said Germany's need is a nuclear reactor to produce radio-active materials for medical, biological and chemical purposes.

"The German people," he added, "cannot afford to be outstripped in this important field by even the smallest and most backward of nations."

"The necessary uranium," he said, "will be dug from German soil in Bavaria and the Black Forest."

But Germany, he claimed, was in a happy position of not having to bother about the warlike aspect of atomic research.

German officials believe that the understanding with the Allies relates to a modification of the restriction placed on German scientists under the European Defence Community treaty.

Meat Workers On Strike

Wellington, Oct. 30.

The union of engineering workers and carpenters employed at meat dressing works in New Zealand started a strike today for a weekly wage increase.

The strike may affect supplies of meat to Britain. The strikers had been preparing for the export killing season starting in mid-November. — Reuters.

Russian Exiles' Pledge

Munich, Oct. 30.

Nine organised groups of refugees from the Soviet Union today to work for the liberation of the Soviet people from Communist rule. They set up a central agency known as the "Co-ordinating Centre of the Anti-Bolshevik Struggle."

The new union pledged itself to the establishment in the Red lands of a "democratic form of government reflecting the desires of those people."

It invited other Soviet refugees groups to join but specifically barred any seeking restoration of the pre-Communist Czarist Russian regime or denying the right of non-Russian people in the Soviet Union to determine their own future.

The non-Russian groups are the Georgian National Council, Azerbaijan Committee for National Union, North Caucasian Anti-Communist National Alliance, Armenian Alliance for Fighters for Freedom and Turkish National Liberation Committee. — Associated Press.



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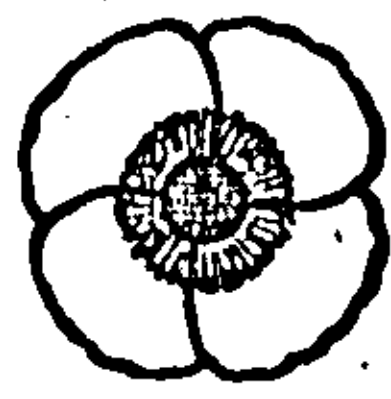


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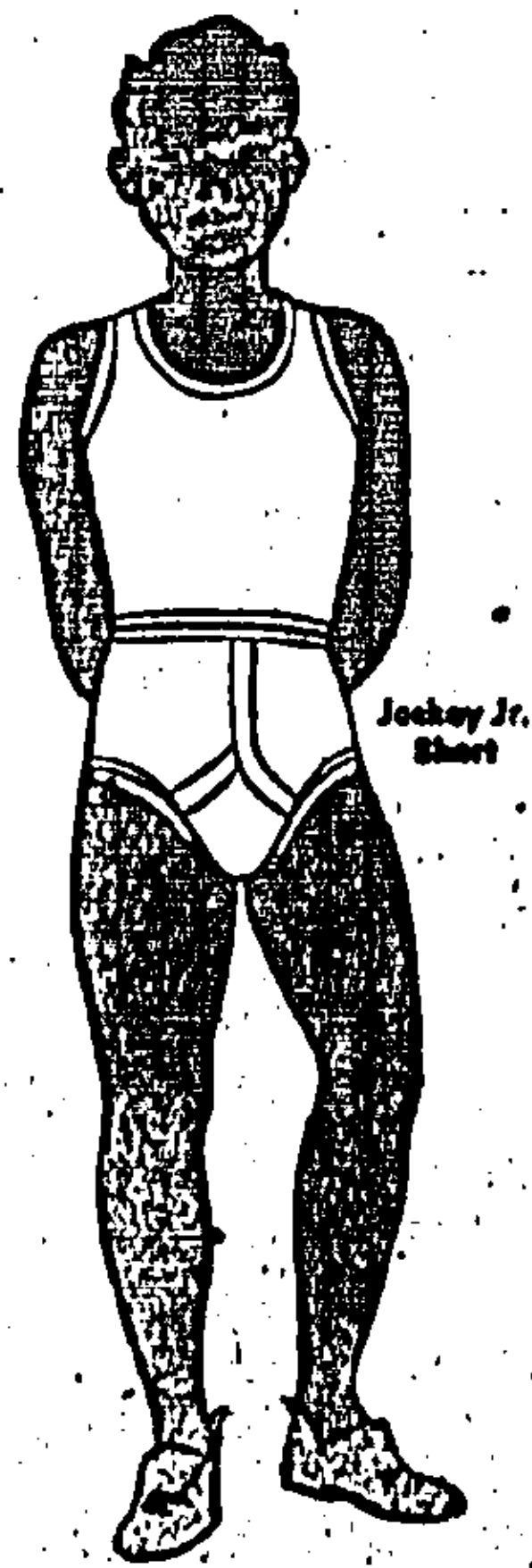
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The next train at Kharkov will/won't/go/come

A comrade's account of the way comrade bureaucrats can push comrade passengers around

by RALPH HEWINS Illustrated by ARTIE

Stockholm. The red cap, proudly straightening up his shoulders, says: "Tomorrow. There's a train going tomorrow. Now you'd better hurry over to the cinema instead. You absolutely must see 'Girl Keeps a Date'."

The next passenger is not a girl who has a date, but somebody who must leave Kharkov as soon as possible and has come to the Central Station for the tenth time to try to get a ticket.

An elderly official takes care of him, saying: "Buy a platform ticket." That's not so difficult. On the platform you can buy warm soup, drinks, and a bottle of vodka or, if you like, some warm beer—and afterwards it's quite fun. You can wander about between the lines.

Where will you stay for the night? Ah, that's another question.

How so? It is all due to "the absolutely wonderful organisation at Kharkov Central."

The words are from the latest issue of a Russian magazine called Crocodile, which is the only important Soviet publication allowed to be ironic about life in Stalinland.

And the words about the organisation are indeed heavily ironic. For what goes on in Kharkov's station is described in considerable detail by the Crocodile reporter, like this:

LOOK, NO TRAIN

THE loudspeaker announced—to everybody's astonishment—that train No. 78 from Kiev was due at platform 3.

A crowd of people rushed there carrying big bouquets. But, oh dear, there was no sign of the train.

It turned out that the station staff had received wrong instructions.

Suddenly the loudspeaker screams at the passenger comrades that in the waiting-room they can see the new film, "Girl Keeps a Date."

Passenger comrades are then informed that while they are waiting for connections they can go on personally conducted tours in the city parks or can hear talks on interplanetary travel.

It is quite clear that the question of tickets does not come within the province of the passengers' culture department.

An elderly traveller with a big, heavy suitcase comes boldly up to an official in a red cap and asks how to get to Jev-patoria.

PARIS NEWSLETTER from SAM WHITE

GENERALS ARE A HANDFUL

ONE of the unhappiest officials in Western Europe today is General Lord ("Pug") Ismay. The reason: As Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, he has little or no control over his generals.

In six months at NATO, Ismay has aged more than in six years' wartime service as Mr Churchill's military secretary.

His face is heavily jowled, often his eyes are weary. Consider some of his charges:

General Ridgway, fresh from the Vice-regal splendour of Tokyo; Field Marshal Montgomery, who is Field Marshal Montgomery with a French accent.

Between the three of them anything might happen: the organisation of naval manoeuvres on the edge of Russian territorial waters, "What a beautiful life I have had, and what a pity I did not know it before."

Novelist Cleeve, after a preview of a film based on her life: "What a beautiful life I have had, and what a pity I did not know it before."

But should Lord Ismay himself wish to raise his voice in

any matter concerning Western defence he finds himself gagged by a security code, which stamps as "Cosmic Top Secret" everything from the number of typewriters at NATO headquarters.

Said Ismay recently: "I've never felt so much as if I were groping in the dark. Never have I been in a position of more responsibility and less authority."

But there is no resignation in his voice as he says it. The fact is that he is preparing to take several good hard swipes in several very distinguished directions.

THEY SAID IT

Quotes of the Week—Minister of Finance, Mr. Abejin: "Taxpayers are like sheep. You can shear them every year, but you can only cut their throats once."

Novelist Cleeve, after a preview of a film based on her life: "What a beautiful life I have had, and what a pity I did not know it before."

Mrs. Chevalier on a perfect gentleman: "A man who is polite, even when driving a car in France."

PICTURE BAN

A CTRESS Greta Garbo interrupted a floor show in a Paris night club to seize a photographer's camera. Reason: the photographer snapped her with her head resting on Aly Khan's shoulder.



"Ha! This will infuriate the British!"

London Express Service

The girl who said 'Yes' in Room 13

"I imagine a contemporary woman who is more worthy of being written about, but less inclined for it, than the Countess Mountbatten of Burma," says Dennis Holman, at the start of his biography of her—LADY LOUIS. (Odhams, 25s.)

And the publishers say of her on the dust-jacket:

"She is... one of the most significant and influential women of her age..."

'I've a spare'

BE that as it may, Edwina Cynthia Annette Mountbatten—christened Edwina after Edward VII, a god-father—acquired much of this significance and influence from the £1,400,000 left by her grandfather, Sir Ernest Cassel, the financier.

It was at a Claridges party in 1921 that she met Lieutenant Lord Louis Mountbatten.

Later that year, at Cowes, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, anxious to drum up friends for a cruise in her yacht, said to Edwina: "Be a darling and help me make up the party. I have a spare man. I think you may have met him—Dickie Mountbatten."

Borrowed fare

SO they met again and sailed away—and fell in love. Then the Prince of Wales took cousin Dickie to India as his aide on a tour. Edwina borrowed £100 from her great-aunt ("He sounds a nice young man... You shall have the money, my dear") and followed him out, second class.

He proposed in Room 13 of the Viceregal Lodge (now the registrar's office of Delhi University), and they were married in 1922, biographer Holman noting that it took four men to lift the huge wedding cake.

Thus in the mad, gay 'twenties the Mountbattens "found themselves with £45,000 a year after taxation... It must be said for Mountbatten that a good time was never allowed to interfere with his career in the Navy even if his ambitions did remain something of a joke to their sophisticated friends..."

Lady Louis began to travel to Iraq, Persia,



What life on £900 a week has meant to Countess Mountbatten, godchild of a King, and wife to an earl

By JAMES LEASOR

Burma, Australia, Tahiti, while her husband sailed the seas. ("The Mountbattens even picked the right generation in which to live. They got the best of the century...")

But it was nearly closing time in the pleasure gardens of the West. War brought Lord Louis new tasks. Lady Louis became County President for London of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. "She possessed what they require of their leaders—position and enthusiasm."

Travelling she toured hospitals in France and Burma and India; later went to P.O.W. camps in Malaya and Siam. Her cousin, Harold Cassel, who was a P.O.W. in Japan, wrote to her: "Your visit was worth two companies of M.P.s."

Biggest job

WITH victory came her husband's most important job: Viceroy of India. He was the prime surgeon at the immense operation which cut India free from the British raj. "An incredible feat of diplomacy... and responsible for averting the bloodbath and anarchy that would certainly have followed our departure from India."

But what of the chaos that did result? Says Holman: "For a true perspective of the Partition rioting in the Punjab, the events and numbers involved must be viewed against the background of the entire sub-continent."

Responsible estimates (of those killed) do not exceed 200,000. That is one for every 2,000 of the population, and far less than the death-roll of a month of the Bengal Famine in 1943.

As always Lady Louis was busy, doing "incalculable work fostering better relations among the different parties by getting the leaders' women together in a friendly atmosphere..."

The "most hopeful sign of the Mountbattens' progress" during negotiations was a photograph of an American took of her with Gandhi, walking with his hand on her shoulder as he used to lean on his grand-nieces when going to a prayer meeting.

"It was a marvellous touch, demonstrating in a gesture the new spirit that had entered into British-Indian relations and to which the photograph made a fortune."

Ritual again

AND so an age passed by and the Mountbattens returned to England—Lady Louis still intent on helping others (visiting TV broadcasts in good causes, work with old people, and so on).

She is back in the gracious world—a countess now (her husband was made an earl in 1947). Dinner once more is "a candlelight, a ritual of grace"

They Can Smoke In This School

By J. W. TAYLOR

London.

THE American co-ed school has come to Britain; a school where, if their parents allow them to smoke it is all right with the teachers, provided the smokers are over 15 years of age and use only the special communal smoke-room provided. Smoking in any other part of the school is strictly forbidden.

It is the Middlesex Bushey Park central high school for the children of United States military personnel based in Britain. There are 210 pupils, 110 of whom are boarding students whose parents are stationed outside the London area. There is also an elementary school for juniors.

The school principal is Mr. Volney Farned, an American, who has a staff of 28 teachers—two of them Canadian, four British and the rest American—who have 25 classrooms at their disposal. Three more British teachers are to be engaged to teach Latin, French, Spanish, and the arts, crafts and music.

There is no lack of poise or sophistication amongst the young ladies of the school, some of whom favour sweaters and skirts and "loafers"—soft leather shoes—over their bobby-sox and, most of them, personal jewellery and lipstick. They do, however, work hard. Boarding students have to study from 7 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. at night and are not allowed out on week nights, when lights must be out at 10 o'clock.

If someone misbehaves he or she is taken to the Principal. And if it is very bad there can be a suspension from school for a week or possibly longer. Boarding students can get their privileges, like going out at week-ends, taken away.

Just now the senior students are running the school elections in which students between 17 and 18 are chosen to "run the school." The "corridor walls" bear such slogans as "He won't cheat, so vote for Pete" and "Get ready with Eddie."

Two of the high school pupils are "going steady"—Betty Sullivan, 18, of Baltimore, Maryland, whose father is a master sergeant and "Dusty" Bowers, of Missouri, who is the son of a lieutenant-colonel. Since they started courting, Betty has worn "Dusty's" signal ring on a silver chain round her neck, in accordance with American co-ed school custom.

The school day is divided into seven 50-minute periods, beginning at 9.30 a.m. and ending at 3.40 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch period at noon. The school year is divided into two semesters of 18 weeks each. There is a two-week holiday at Christmas and another week off at Easter.

For sports and games, they use a neighbouring college gymnasium and playing field, where they are encouraged to learn cricket, soccer, rugby, tennis and hockey.

All books used in the school are American. In the first year physics book there is a section on jets.

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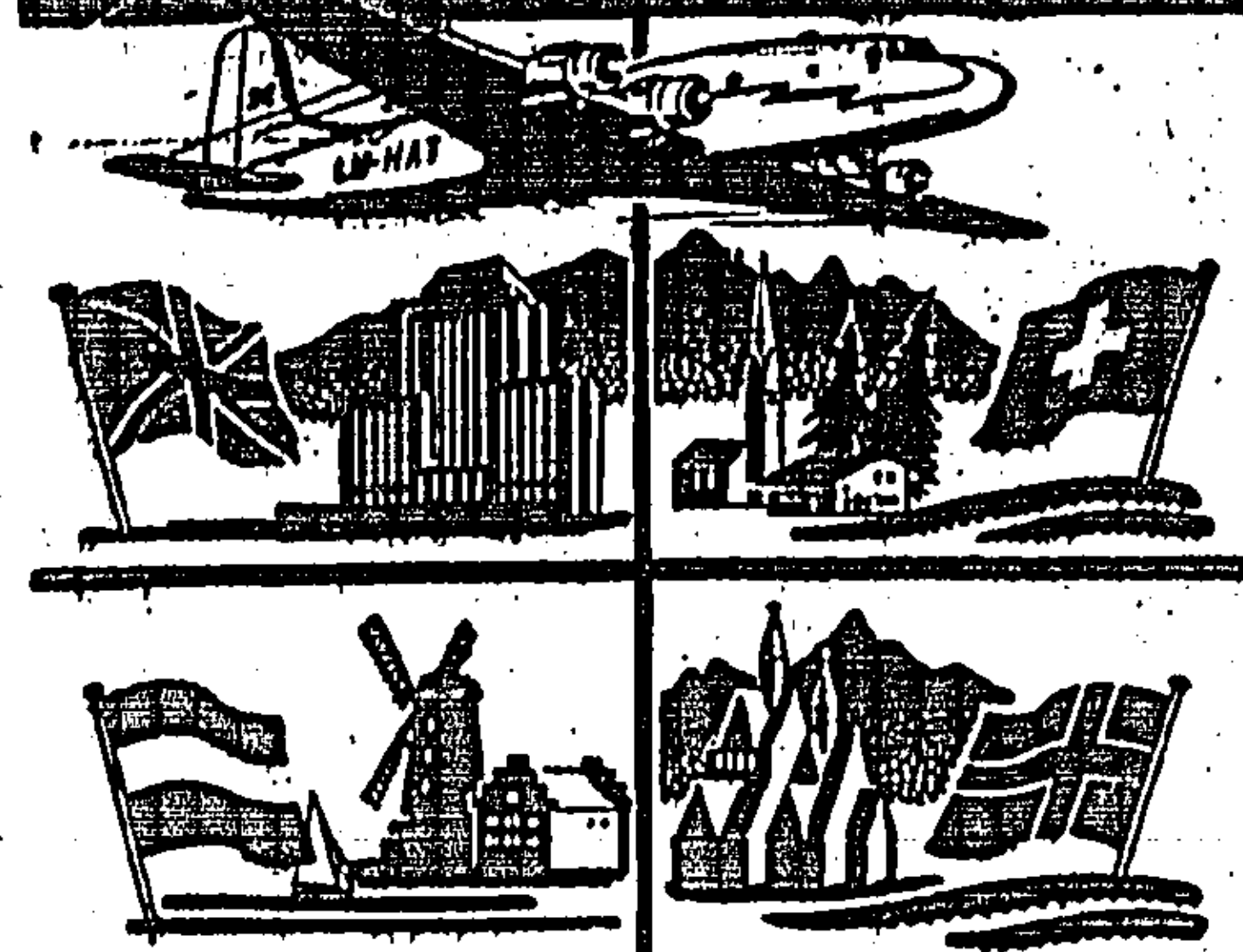


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There are 8 races on the 1st Day and 10 races on the 2nd Day (18 in all).

Through tickets (18 races—\$36.00) as well as tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Telephone House, 1st Floor.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 7th November, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

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The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 10 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. the 1st Day and at 10 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office is situated at Telephone House, 1st Floor, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

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Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is observed.

By Order
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Secretary.

WHAT NEXT FOR WILLIAMS?

By DEREK JOHN

Johnny Williams, Britain's Empire Heavyweight Boxing Champion, is to have his fourth bout of the year at Harringay on December 10. His opponent will be a leading American heavyweight, at present unnamed.

High on the list of possibles are Harry Matthews, who was beaten earlier this year by Marcelino, or Rex Layne, another top-ranker. Either would give Williams his toughest fight to date.

The Duke of Edinburgh will be at the ringside to see for himself what chance the Rugby boy has of bringing the world title back to Britain.

It is to be hoped that the Duke sees a better performance than that which Williams gave when defeating the South African, Johnny Arthur, in defence of his title, at Leicester.

The burly, heavy-footed South African was virtually a sitting target for anything that the sprightly Williams cared to throw at him.

But Williams obviously had not the slightest intention of

allowing Arthur to demonstrate his hitting power.

He refused to get into close quarters. Instead he contented himself with a series of straight lefts that reduced his opponent's face to a bloody pulp.

WOULDN'T CHANCE IT

From Round Three onwards it was obvious that unless Williams did something unexpected, like running into one of the ring posts, he could not lose. But still, with the South African at his mercy, he did not chance his right hand, as his supporters were hoping he would do.

This reticence to throw his right causes his critics to say that Williams will never become a World Champion. It is perhaps an unfair condemnation of a man who is one of the most skilful boxers in the world today.

Nevertheless, the fact remains that to be in championship class a man must be able to lay his opponents low if the opportunity arises.

Williams rarely does this. He may make them look novices with his brilliant footwork, he may cause them to miss badly with his clever body-swaying. He frequently does cut them with ribbons with hard and accurate left hand punching. But so far he has not proved his ability to finish a fight with one blow.

On his Harringay showing—which will be in the nature of a Command performance—Williams' future will largely depend. There is no-one in Great Britain or on the Continent to challenge him.

That is certain. What is not obvious is whether he can tackle the top-rankers in the United States.

(London Express Service)

SAME AGAIN FOR IRELAND

The Irish soccer selectors had one of the shortest meetings on record in when they met to choose the team to play Scotland at Hampden Park on November 5.

Two words, "same again" sufficed for the selectors to agree on the eleven players who did duty at Windsor Park last month.

This means that St. Mirren, full-back Cunningham receives another cap to the exclusion of Doncaster's Graham who could not be released to play against England.

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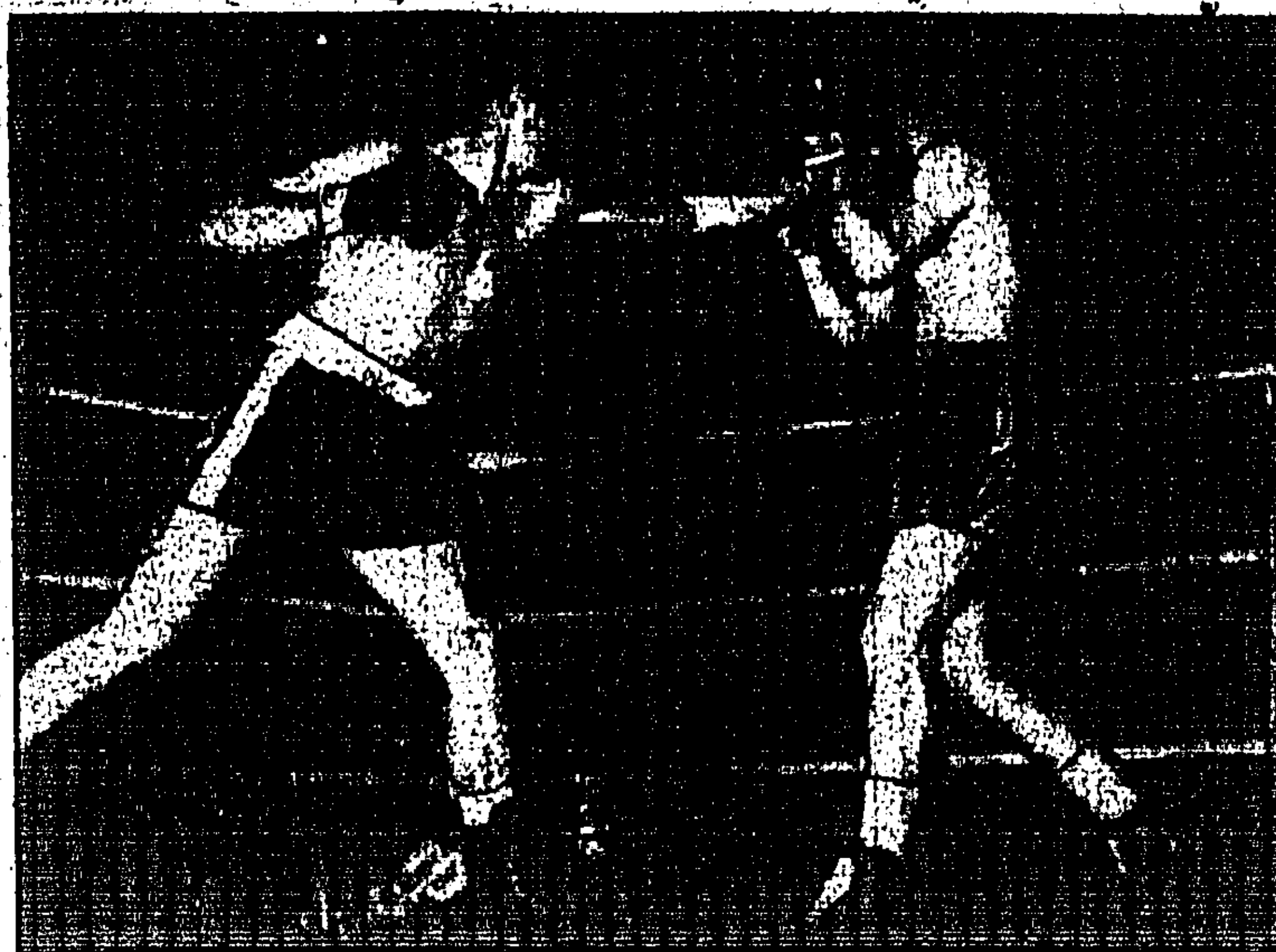
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For about the 100th time, Williams lands with a straight left in his title fight with Johnny Arthur at Leicester. The South African retired in the seventh round. Note the Williams right hand. It is held in position ready to go. But most of the evening it just stayed there. Williams preferred to rely on his trusty left. — Express Photo.

THE HOME RUGGER SCENE

WELSH INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK SET FAIR

By PETER LOVEGROVE

I was one of those who felt rather sorry for Cardiff when the rugby season opened. Those three great stalwarts, centre three-quarter Jack Matthews and forwards Cliff Davies and D. J. O'Brien—53 International caps between them—had just joined imperturbable full-back Frank Trott in retirement.

Their new captain, the Welsh scrum-half Rex Willis, was injured, so was centre Alun Thomas who got capped last winter. And the impression was widespread that the fabulous Bledwyn Williams—one of the three survivors of that great side of 1947-48 which could field eleven internationals and completely dominated the scene—had slowed down and lost his sting.

That the Blue and Whites were in for a thin time this season was accepted as an unfortunate fact by all but the most rabid of their supporters. What seemed more relevant was how long it would take them to rebuild a combination which would live up to the traditions of this famous club.

We need not have worried. With barely eight weeks gone, Cardiff are still brilliantly in the van, their unquestioned leadership based once again on superb teamwork, sheer speed and unbounded enthusiasm. 13 matches won, 245 points scored; over eighty more than any other first-class club. 47 were obtained from Plymouth Albion, 36 out of a combined French XV from Nantes and Cognac; 31 from Young Munster in Ireland; over 20 from both Neath and Penarth.

Their old rivals Newport, Coventry, Pontypool, Old Belvedere, Leicester, and Cheltenham have all had to surrender unbeaten records—though there was little in it in some cases.

KEY TO SUCCESS

What has been the key to their success? Firstly, that their experienced players have been showing inspired form. Secondly, that their young reserves have seized their chances with both hands. Thirdly, the team has blended well and shown splendid fighting spirit when it was most needed. Fourthly, veteran Bill Tompkins has been kicking goals from all angles in remarkable manner; he got six conversions against the French, five against Plymouth, and has already collected 89 points with his boot alone. And, lastly, Williams suddenly found all his old touch at the end of September.

Cliff Morgan, their young Welsh outside-half, has been the inspiration of the attack, and his positional play, timing, pace, change of direction and generalship have been masterly.

A rough match with a French XV also put the Welsh right wing Ken Jones and forward Tom Storry out of action. But they, too, have given youth its chance, seen it blend effectively with the experience of stand-off half Roy Burdett and centre Malcolm Thomas, and in both cases such sides as North Bristol, Swanton, and Blackheath by comfortable margins, they have averaged over 19 points a match.

I saw them beat the Club on the Rectory Field by 22 clear points. It was by no means as one-sided as the score suggests, for the Blackheath pack set a furious pace and more than held its own for three parts of the game. But the young Newport side, led by the better, and once they got on top their brilliant outburst rattled the home defence with

Haydn Morris, on the left wing, has been improving with every match, and his speed has been such that he is now considered as a certain selection for the Principality. He scored four tries against the French; and the same number against the luckless Plymouth, but it is the one he got at Coventry which will be talked about for years to come. He intercepted a pass less than a dozen yards from his own line, rounded and outpaced opponent after opponent, and ended up by grounding the ball under the enemy posts.

Nothing better has been seen in London for many a day than the attacking movement he started from a most unlikely situation which led to the only score of the first-half. Newport heeled from the right a few yards from their own line during strong Blackheath pressure, and Burnett shot away dangerously, drew the whole defence on to him, and then, just when he seemed to have left it a fraction too late, gave a perfectly-timed pass to Malcolm Thomas as he was going down to a hearty tackle. Thomas was away through the gap in a flash, covered 50 yards and, as he was being overhauled, passed out to wing-forward M. Quartley, who had followed up fast and touched down right under the posts. In addition, Malcolm Thomas scored three second-half tries and kicked a goal.

The "new boys" who have made a strong impression with the Black and Amber jerseys are Quartley, Bridle and Pryor among the forwards, while Robin Sheppard, who played for the Welsh Secondary Schools last season and started as a substitute for Evans at wing forward and then deputised for Ken Jones on the right wing, has shown a fine turn of speed and quick

THE ARCHITECT OF SCOTLAND'S VICTORY ONCE THREATENED TO QUIT LEAGUE SOCCER

A player who once threatened to quit first class soccer and become a coach with a minor league club was the architect of Scotland's 2-1 victory over Wales in the International at Ninian Park. His name? Allan Brown, inside-right, and scorer of the Scots' equalising goal.

Allan, together with George Aitken, who was Scotland's left-half, refused to re-sign for East Fife at the commencement of the 1950-51 season because their request for a transfer was refused.

With the players and the directors declining to give way, there was a deadlock. In August, the season, which began in September, passed into October, November and December with neither man kicking a ball.

The battle nearly reached legal proportions with the two players preparing to take the club to court for not allowing them to earn their living by their chosen profession. For although not paid any wages, Brown and Aitken were retained players and as such not allowed by the rules of the Scottish FA to join any other club as players.

—Thus it was that Brown nearly forsake Scotland to join the English minor league club, Croydon Towers, as coach.

The calamity to Scottish soccer was fortunately averted in December, when just a week before Christmas, East Fife put the players up for transfer.

The announcement brought a rush of would-be buyers, and the transfer developed into an auction. Blackpool emerged as the highest bidder for Brown with an offer of £28,000 and Aitken went to Sunderland.

But Allan, out of touch with the game for so long—during the period of dispute he had been working in an engineering factory—found it difficult to find his "football legs" when he returned to the first class game.

COULD NOT KEEP PACE

Despite assiduous training, he found he could not keep pace with First Division soccer, and more important still, the edge had gone from his football sense. No longer could he spot half a chance and exploit it as before.

Many doubted whether he would ever regain his touch, and it was thought that Blackpool's gamble would not come off.

But manager Joe Smith had faith, and Allan was determined to repay him, and prove his worth.

Came the Cup ties, and he had his chance. Showing all the zip and fervour which had gained him international recognition, he helped Blackpool reach the Cup Final.

THEN, TRAGEDY

His return to form did not pass unnoticed in his native country, and he was selected for the Scottish team to play England at Wembley two weeks before the Cup Final.

Once again those injuries caused him to lose his old form, so the beginning of this season saw him again fighting to make a comeback.

How well he has succeeded. In addition to his equaliser at Ninian Park, he is Blackpool's top-scorer. His nine goals include two hat-tricks.

Allan has had to wait for his success, but it has been worth while. If he can continue in the form Blackpool may yet gain that first Cup Final victory. — (London Express Service).

INJURY BOGEY

The injury bogey persisted into the following season, and Brown was out of the Blackpool team more often than he was in it.

Photo shows the Duke of Edinburgh being introduced to Kelsey, the Arsenal goalkeeper, by the Captain of the team, Joe Mercer. On Kelsey's right is Wade and next to him Milner.



A football match under floodlights between Arsenal and Hibernians was played at Highbury on the night of October 22 when Arsenal won by seven goals to one.

The match, played at the suggestion of the Duke of Edinburgh, was in aid of the National Playing Fields Association and the Central Council of Physical Recreation.

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SCOTTISH SPORTS SUMMARY

English League Clubs Casting Envious Eyes At Talent Over The Border

By "MAC"

English clubs experiencing a lean season are casting envious eyes at talent over the border. League Champions Manchester United, languishing at the foot of the First Division table, have been making strong bids to sign Eddie Turnbull, Hibs inside-left.

The same player is also being sought by Newcastle, who, with nearly £50,000 to spend, would like to bring a couple more Scots to St James Park.

John Panten, former Scottish Champion, has won the Cameron-Kinghorn Golf Tournament, beating the Glasgow player Fred Bullock by seven strokes. Panten's first round of 68 was only one stroke outside the record for the course set up by A. S. Tibbles in the qualifying round of the Open Championship four years ago.

The London Hospital at which Alex James is recovering from a chest operation has become a football Mecca. Players from Arsenal, Chelsea and many other clubs have called to visit the former Arsenal and Scotland star.

A recent caller was Ted Drake, who was a colleague of Alex at Highbury and is now manager of Chelsea. He brought a special message of good wishes from Billy Meredith, former Manchester City outside-right who was capped 51 times for Wales and was still playing first-class soccer when 50 years old.

Scottish Rugby League fans may get a chance of seeing the Australian tourists in action. The League are negotiating to stage a match on the Leith Athletic football ground, just outside Edinburgh.

(Shag is the time factor. The Australians can fit only one

extra match into their tour, and they have cabled the Australian Board of Control for their views.

If everything works out all right the only question to be decided is the Australians' opponents. It is doubtful whether Scotland can provide a team capable of testing the Aussies, but it is hoped that some Scots would be included in a composite-side. Receipts from the match would go toward the King George VI Memorial Fund.

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS

Peter Keenan's chapter of accidents continues. A fortnight ago the British Bantamweight Champion returned to the ring after an absence of nearly six months through knee trouble. He had been boxing only 10 minutes when he was again in the wars.

In the fourth round of his bout against the Italian Amleto Falcinelli, a head-on collision resulted in his right eye being so badly cut that he later had to have three stitches in it. This injury may mean the postponement of Keenan's British title fight against Frank Williams, which is scheduled to take place by December 1.

George Mackie, the Scottish international, and Mrs Peel, runner-up in this year's Scottish Championship, have won the Worplesdon Mixed Foursome Tournament, thus bringing the title to Scotland for the first time. Their victory, over Tony Sark, reserve to the England in-

WEEK-END HOCKEY

The following is the week-end League Hockey programme:

SATURDAY

Ladies' League

DGS v Dorians "White" at Pool Ground, King's Park, 3:00 p.m. Umpires: L/Bdr. Finlayson, Ft.-Lt. E. J. Gordon.

Victorians v Dorians "Green" at Pool Ground, King's Park, 4:15 p.m. Umpires: H. Crebus, Sgt. Fairhurst.

KGV "A" v KGV "B" at Police Ground, 3:00 p.m. Umpires: CH/Tech. E. Aldridge, Yaqub Khan.

Recreo "A" v Recreo "B" at Police Ground, 4:15 p.m. Umpires: P/O K. J. Whittaker, F/Sgt. L. F. Leigh.

SUNDAY

First Division

RAF v Royal Navy at Kai Tak, 3:00 p.m. Umpires: W.D. H. E. Day, W.O.I. A.N. Nixon.

Recreo v Police at Recreo, 10:30 a.m. Umpires: J.S. Grewal, Mahan Singh.

Second Division

Black Hawks v HKAAF at Royal Navy Ground No.1, 10:30 a.m. Umpires: Lt R.N.L. Denyer, Sgt. T.G. Davies.

Aces v Dutch HC at Sookun-poo, 10:30 a.m. Umpires: Aziz Malik, J.B. Gonsalves.

Army "B" v Thunderbolts "B" at Sookunpoo, 2:30 p.m. Umpires: Z.A. Abbas, P/O P.J. Ball.

Nav Bharat v Sookunpoo H.G. at Royal Navy Ground No.2, 10:30 a.m. Umpires: W.O.I. M.J. Petters, A.J. Nery.

Teams or umpires unable to meet these fixtures are requested to contact C. Verheul, Hon. Fixture Secretary of the HKHA, immediately by phone (30343).

HOW THEY STAND

Men's 1st Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Argonauts "A"	5	4	1	0	10	3	9
Army "A"	4	3	0	1	9	6	6
Recreo "A"	4	3	0	1	9	6	6
Navy	3	2	0	3	10	4	4
RAF	3	1	0	2	10	2	2
Thunderbolts "A"	3	1	0	2	10	2	2
YMCA	3	0	2	1	3	2	2
Police	4	0	1	3	13	1	1
HKHA	4	0	1	3	13	1	1

Men's 2nd Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dutch HC	4	4	0	1	23	7	8
Thunderbolts "B"	3	4	0	1	12	9	8
Army "B"	3	3	0	2	17	2	6
Nav Bharat	3	3	0	2	17	2	6
Argonauts "B"	3	2	0	3	6	14	4
Sookunpoo HC	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Aces	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Black Hawks	3	0	1	4	3	21	1
HKAAF	1	0	1	1	1	3	0

Ladies' Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Argonauts "A"	4	4	0	0	20	2	8
Gremilins "A"	4	3	0	1	17	1	6
Victorians	3	3	0	1	12	4	6
Recreo "A"	3	3	0	1	6	2	6
KGV "A"	3	3	0	1	6	2	6
DGS	3	3	0	1	6	2	6
Recreo "B"	3	2	0	2	12	4	4
Dorians "White"	3	2	0	2	12	4	4
Gremilins "B"	3	2	0	2	12	4	4
Dorians "Green"	3	2	0	2	12	4	4

LADIES' LEAGUE LAWN BOWLS

In a Ladies' Lawn Bowls match played at Police Ground, Kowloon, the Club Ladies "B" defeated Tailoors by 31 shots to 12.

Prizes Presented At Nine Dragons Services Club

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RUGGER RESULT

London, Oct. 30

The touring Australian Rugby League team beat Doncaster 41-13 today.—Reuter

Hockey Association Should Revise The League Rules

Says "ARGONAUT"

Unless firmer steps are taken by the Hongkong Hockey Association and all interested in the promotion of hockey, the sport may suffer considerably.

Latest controversial issue was the inclusion of Hongkong's Interport centre-forward Gardner in the Army Second XI in their match against Dutch Hockey Club last Sunday.

The Dutch had won all their four matches previous to this game and were generally considered to be the favourites to win the Second Division Championship—which would be a most deserving honour for a team that has shown keen interest and exemplary sportsmanship through four seasons.

Army might have had their own reasons for playing Gardner, and not supporting ones. They probably felt that in view of Gardner's impending demobilisation it would be advisable for them to try their First Division team without him.

In fact, the playing of Gardner was agreed to by the Dutch when they were asked, but what else could the sporting Dutch team say when confronted with the request?

The Association should step in in such circumstances, and it is high time they conceded that their ruling that a player can go up or down from one division to another after a lapse of 12 days is completely obsolete and it is high time also that the whole set of League rules be completely revised.

GREATER DIFFICULTIES

It is appreciated, however, that unlike the officials of some other sports associations, those of the Hongkong Hockey Association have much greater difficulties to get over.

The problem of grounds is one of them. The Navy ground at King's Park, which is most often used for League matches, is in a much worse condition this year and its use for hockey is not only inconducive to good play, but also gives cause for frayed tempers and untidy play.

Together with the problem of grounds comes that of postponement of matches. So far in the four weeks that the current League has been run, the number of six postponed matches has been comparatively low, but in order that keen interest may be maintained by the keener teams, the fewer postponed matches are

permitted, the better it will be. And here again a firm stand by the Association is called for in discouraging last-minute postponements just because a club cannot raise a team.

GROUND NEEDED

A great deal will be solved if and when the Association is able to obtain a plot of ground big enough for two hockey fields which it can call its own where League and other matches can be played in a central place.

Matches scattered all over the Colony only serve to minimise spectators' interest in the game. A central ground, will also eliminate the problem of shortage of umpires and will result in more Press publicity.

One more discouraging feature of the League in progress which must needs be mentioned is the attitude of umpires to particular clubs while carrying on their duties.

Some teams may have had the reputation of resorting to unfair tactics in the past seasons, but it is most unfair for umpires to take to the field with the main idea of pulling up these teams for the most minor offences and overlooking the other team's more glaring infractions.

In one recent case an umpire even went to the extent of being a supporter of the other team by frequent interpolations of "Well done! Bad luck!" and so on.

All this does little towards the promotion of the game and the sooner these discouraging features are realised and remedied, the greater will be the progress of hockey.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

In view of the visit of the two Argonaut and two Gremilins teams to Macao this week-end, the programme has somewhat been curtailed.

The RAF-Royal Navy match at Kai Tak, however, should be an evenly contested one, and that between Recreo and Police at Recreo ground should produce some hockey.

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Committee Suggests Changes In Imperial Institute

London.

An urgently needed new lease of life for the Imperial Institute in London is strikingly suggested in the report of a Committee of Enquiry, set up by the Ministry of Education, which for two years has been investigating the possibilities of making the Institute a live centre of Commonwealth activity.

Commonwealth visitors and U.K. residents alike—those who have known of the Institute's existence in South Kensington—have condemned the completely out-of-date functioning of the Institute. Young students from the Dominions and Colonies, in particular, have been severely critical of its "lifeless" character.

Now, if the Committee's recommendations are carried out, the Institute will stand a real chance of carrying out its purpose, which should be as the report puts it, to attract "the interest of the ordinary citizen in the Commonwealth and its affairs."

A memorial to the Jubilee of Queen Victoria, on a site provided by the Commissioners of the International Exhibition of 1881, the Imperial Institute was founded by Royal Charter in 1883. The great building has been put to various uses since originally developed as a centre for "information and investigation concerning trade, industry and emigration, and to illustrate and promote the development of these and kindred activities in the overseas Empire and also in the United Kingdom."

Costing £30,000 a year to run today, that figure will be considerably increased if the new facilities proposed by the Committee of Enquiry are introduced. The idea is to make the Institute a worth-while Commonwealth forum, furthering mutual understanding amongst the members of Commonwealth countries.

A NEW NAME

To begin with, it is suggested, the name of the Institute be changed to "Commonwealth Institute." Facilities are proposed for creating a centre of artistic activities, such as music, drama and dancing; facilities for exhibitions of painting and sculpture by Commonwealth artists; development and expansion of cinema activities. A variety of social amenities is strongly urged. These would include a restaurant (providing Commonwealth dishes), a reference library and a reading room.

For students and regular users of the Institute, it is recommended that a Social Club be introduced.

Sir Harry Lindsay, 71-year-old Director of the Imperial Institute, is retiring at the end of this year, and a new Director will be appointed by the Minister of Education (Miss Florence Horsbrugh). A great deal will depend on this appointment. The Committee of Enquiry propose it should be someone with first-hand knowledge of the Commonwealth and one who will have opportunity to travel in the Commonwealth. And there is no reason, the report says, why the

search for the new Director should be confined to the United Kingdom.

There is no expectation of Commonwealth Governments increasing contributions to the cost of the Institute until such time as the new scheme has proved its worth. The U.K. Government is urged to accept the initial financial responsibility but other Governments, it is suggested, should undertake to maintain at the best possible level their own regional exhibitions at the Institute.

The Institute would come under entirely new management, with a Council substituted for the Board of Governors, and an Executive Board instead of a Management Committee. The suggested Council would include the Commonwealth High Commissioners, and five persons with recent first-hand knowledge of the Commonwealth, representatives of the British Council, the B.C.C., the Arts Council, the Royal Empire Society, representatives of educational bodies, and others.

IN THREE YEARS

On the financial side, consideration is given to the important question of improving the appearance of the Institute and making it a place people will want to visit.

It is recommended that reconditioning of the building should be completed within three years. Evacuation by the University of London of the eastern wing of the building is contemplated, along with removal of the Colonial Office Laboratories.

In pressing for these far-reaching changes, the Committee makes clear that it does not disparage the work of the authorities at present responsible for the administration of the Institute.

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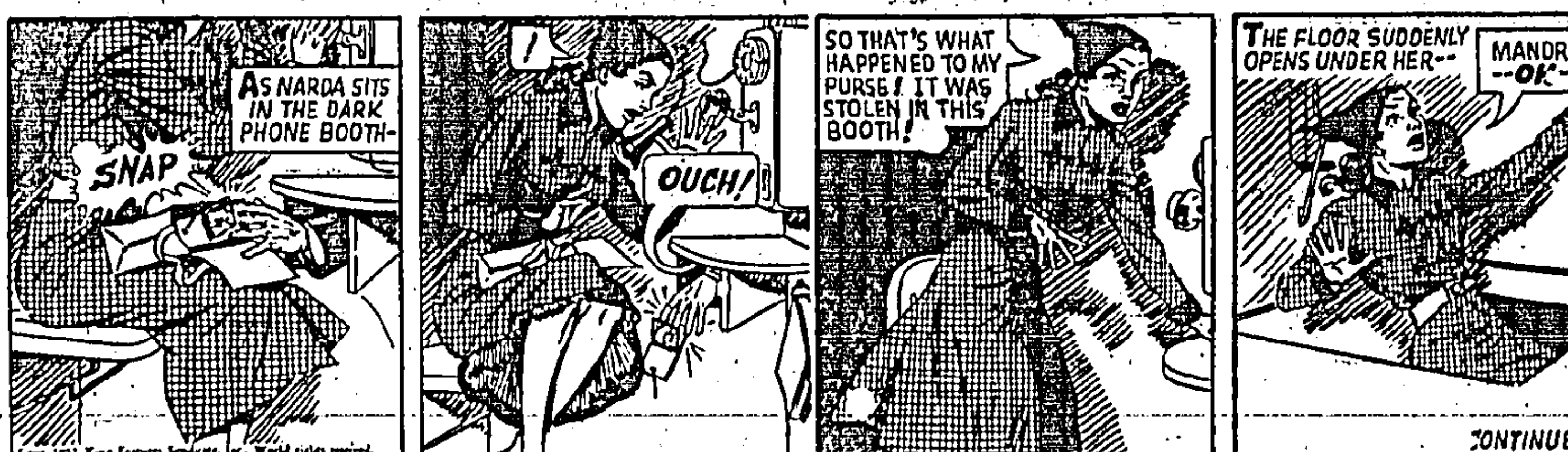
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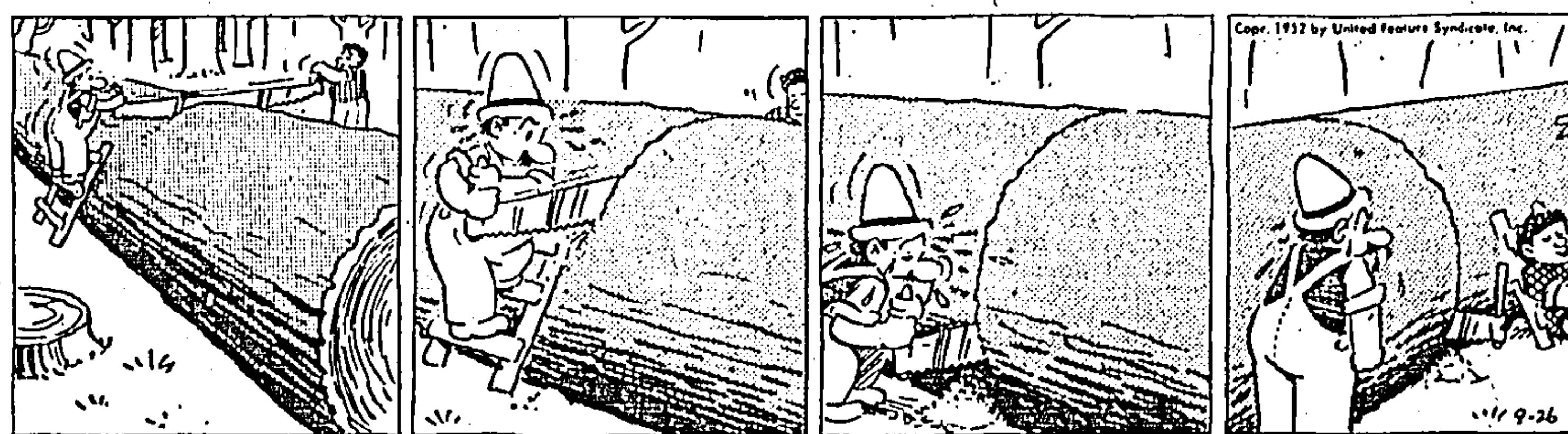
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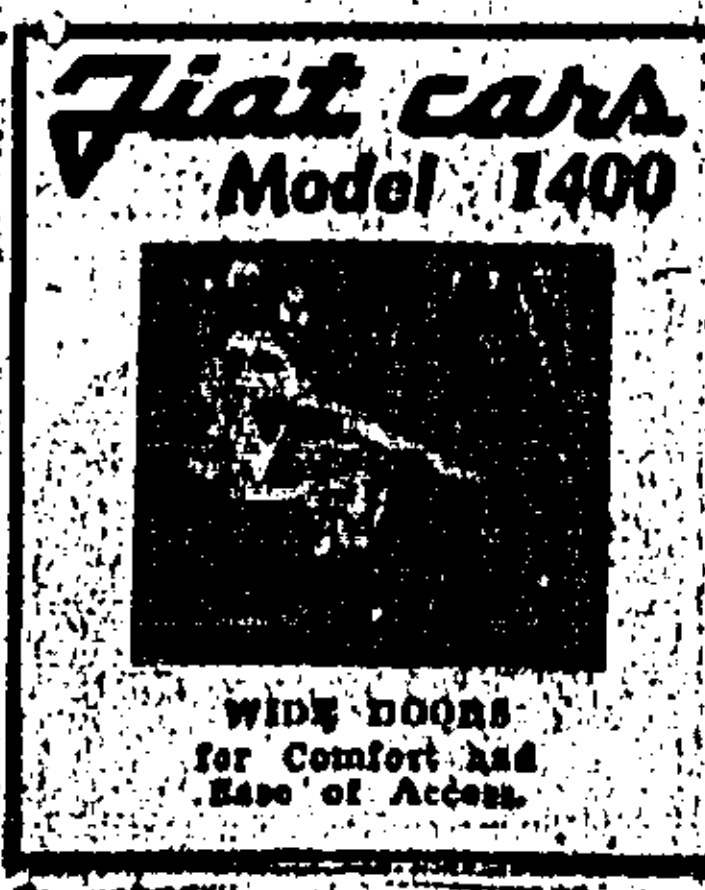
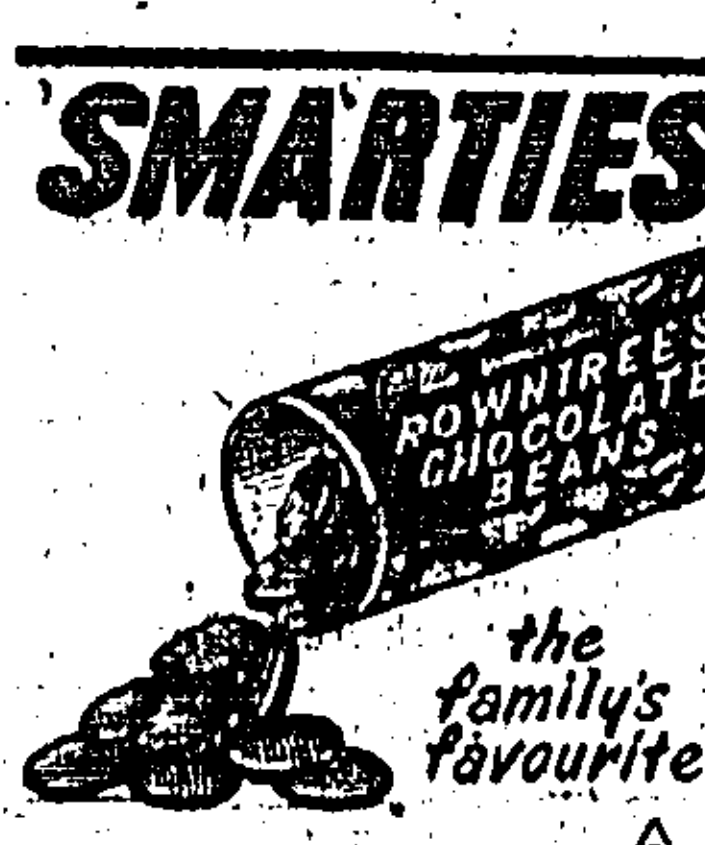
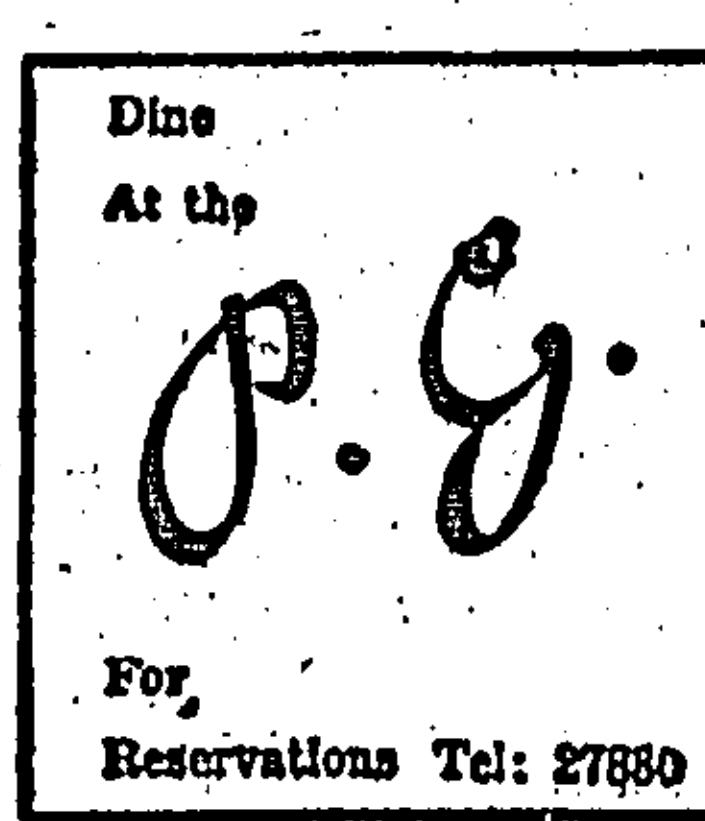
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Col. Lawrence Westbrook, the party official, was fired by the Democratic Administration, Stephen A. Mitchell, on Wednesday at midnight soon after Mr. Mitchell learned of the Herald-Tribune's published account of the deal. Since January 5, Mr. Westbrook has been liaison man between the Democratic Committee and members of Congress. A former Army officer, he is a research and development engineer by profession.

The contract was for U.S. Government purchase of \$9,000,000 worth of Portuguese tungsten ore.

Mr. Larson has ordered an inquiry into all circumstances both in North America and Europe.

Mr. Larson signed the contract for the Government as head of the Defence Materials Procurement Agency. He said Mr. Westbrook signed it for the Portuguese Company—Associated Press.

Mountbatten's Trip

Malta, Oct. 30.

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Challenge Of New Plastic Composite

New York, Oct. 30.

Plastics reinforced with fibreglass are set to challenge metals in civilian uses—bathtubs, station-wagon bodies, oil tanks, refrigerators, pipe lines, furniture and even freight cars.

Already the reinforced plastics—a combination of polyester resins and fibreglass—are widely used by the military. They go into guided missiles, assault boats, planes, fuel tanks and bullet-proof vests.

U. S. industry leaders report today that a big plant expansion programme is under way. Sales this year of the reinforced plastic run to around 17,000,000 pounds—with the military taking 70 per cent of it—according to Carleton Ellis Jr., Director of Sales of one of the leading makers, the Plaskon Division of Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co.

Mr. Ellis says plants under construction will bring the industry's capacity to produce the polyester resin to 70,000,000 pounds a year. A number of fibreglass producers are also expanding capacity.

Plaskon announces that for the first time it is offering both components combined in one holding compound ready for immediate use.

The reinforced plastic is reported as strong as steel but very light weight. A bathtub of the material—now being readied for use first in car trailers—can be carried under one arm, Mr. Ellis says.

Sinks and draining boards can be moulded from the material, all in one piece. Awnings that neither rot nor corrode are made of the plastic. The oil industry is studying the reinforced plastic both for use in non-corroding storage tanks and for pipes.

Mr. Ellis says freight cars could be moulded from the plastic, all

in one piece. Strong as steel, but very light, they would cut transportation costs.

Kaiser-Frazer is planning to make 1,000 sport cars from the glass-plastic, for testing.

The material costs from 90 cents to \$1.50 a pound, depending upon the proportion of each component used. This makes it too expensive to compete with steel in car bodies where mass volume is sought.

But Mr. Ellis says the low-cost tooling requirements make the glass-plastic economical for making smaller quantities, such as station-wagon models.

Increased sales of the plastic and expanded production should bring its cost down, Mr. Ellis says. The polyester resin is made from glycols and coal tar acids.

The wedding of the resin and the fibreglass produces the translucent plastic.

In construction it is now used for partitions. And Mr. Ellis sees its coming use in office or home ceilings. Removable glass-plastic sheets, hung from ceiling rafters, would have fluorescent light installed above them.

"Cheaper than plaster and lighting fixtures," Mr. Ellis says, "and no glare." Associated Press.

Shaping Of Economic Policy For The Sterling Area And Europe

London, Oct. 23.

The meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation over which Mr. Anthony Eden presided in Paris has focused attention on the problem of shaping Commonwealth policy in collaboration with Western Europe.

Mr. Eden subsequently gave a report on the results of the O.E.E.C. meeting to the Cabinet. While Mr. Eden was in Paris he was under considerable pressure from some of the Continental members of O.E.E.C. to reveal at least the broad lines of the policy proposals that are emerging for the Commonwealth Economic Conference next month.

Clearly, several of the problems which will be discussed by the Commonwealth Prime Ministers—such as the convertibility of Sterling and the degree of importance to be attached to imperial preference in the development of future Commonwealth trading relations—have direct bearing on the statement of long-term policy which the O.E.E.C. is now preparing for inclusion in its fourth annual report to be published in mid-December.

This report, which is the first appraisal of the new phase that Western Europe has entered with the ending of the Marshall Plan in the spring of 1952, has a special significance.

The O.E.E.C. meeting which has just ended was chiefly occupied with the discussion of the policy statement that will emerge from the survey of European recent economic developments. Great importance is attached to this since much of the argument will inevitably be written with an eye to its effect on the new U.S. President.

It is clear that many of the Continental countries wish the O.E.E.C. to make an approach to the United States as early as possible next year on similar lines to those that are believed to be under discussion by the Commonwealth.

There was much talk in Paris about the possibility of an agreement on a joint approach by Western Europe and the Sterling Area.

NO COMMITMENTS

Mr. Eden made it quite clear in Paris that Britain was unable to make any commitments on its future policy as a member of the Commonwealth in advance of the November conference in London—or, indeed, to give any precise information about the proposals that were likely to emerge from it.

But in doing so he insisted strongly once again on the vital importance to British policy of maintaining and strengthening the link with Western Europe through the O.E.E.C. and other European organisations.

The Foreign Secretary's assurances seem, for the moment at any rate, to have met some of the points raised by other O.E.E.C. members about the effects of a new Commonwealth policy formed independently of Western Europe.

One factor is the consistently good record of Britain and the rest of the Sterling Area in not imposing discriminatory restrictions on trade with Western Europe during the past year, when the temptations to do so have been great.

NEW STRAINS?

But two recent developments are expected soon to create new strains. First of all, the British import cuts, which were only nibbling at West European trade until the middle of this year, are now beginning to bite seriously. Countries like Italy which depend on the export of consumer goods and the less essential foods are now feeling the effect, at a time when their other economic difficulties are growing.

The second development is that Britain has begun to earn back some of the gold which it has lost to the European Payments Union. In the past year, a large part of this gold has, in fact, been paid out to the E.P.U. creditor countries and they have been using it to help meet their dollar deficits.

But it is a cardinal point of Sterling Area policy, which will certainly be reiterated at the Commonwealth Economic Conference in November, to rebuild the gold reserve to a point substantially above the present level as rapidly as possible. This is the immediate issue on which the Commonwealth and Western Europe may most easily find themselves in conflict.

MORE STRIKING

For the rest, the similarities between the long-term proposals now under discussion by the O.E.E.C. and those which are expected to be considered by the Commonwealth Economic Conference are more striking than the temporary differences over trade policy.

The report of the Economic Committee of O.E.E.C. given to the Council of Ministers included the following suggestions.

The U.S. should be asked to lower tariffs and eliminate measures which restrict imports. There should be a drive for U.S. long-term investment abroad, particularly in the under-developed areas.

Finally, there is indirect reference to long-term commodity agreements—the need for American policies "to ensure a high and stable income in dollars for the under-developed countries."

INTERNAL MEASURES

So far as internal measures in Western Europe are concerned, the report is not very different from those that are believed to have been discussed at the recent meeting of Commonwealth officials in London—structural changes in production, disinflationary financial policies and higher exports to the dollar area.

It looks, indeed, as if the new U.S. President may be faced by two very similar sets of proposals coming from Western Europe and the Commonwealth. The British Government has still to decide, whether in this situation a method of closer collaboration in economic planning between the two groups of countries would be advisable. —The Financial Times.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning totalled \$299,715.60. Noon prices and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS			
HSBC	1420	1430	
Canton	210		
Union	777 1/2	785	25 @ 777 1/2
SINCE			
Waterbury	12		
Aala New	140		
DOCKS, ETC.			
N. P. Wharf	92		
Dock	6 1/2	500 @ 21.00	
Provident	12 1/2	1200	
Wholesale	48 1/2	40	40 @ 48 1/2
Longstreet	220	610	2 1/2
L.A.P. ETC.			
HK Hotel	8 1/2	6.00	1500 @ 8 1/2
HK Land (O)	93 1/2	1000	54
UNITIES			
Shai Land	1 1/2	133	
Humphreys	13 1/2	13 1/2	
Tram	20.30	20.40	1000 @ 20.30
Peak Tram			
(O)	31 1/2		
Peak Tram			
(N)	15.00		
Star Ferry	11 1/2	11 1/2	
C. Light (O)	9 1/2	200 @ 9.00	
		1000 @ 9.75	
		200 @ 9.50	
		1500 @ 9.75	
Macao Elec.	10.00		
Telephone	17.00	17.70	1500 @ 17.70
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	17.00	18.10	200 @ 17.00
Rope			
SINCE, ETC.			
Dairy	19.00	200 @ 19.00	
Watson	25.20	700 @ 25.20	
		800 @ 25.20	
L. Crawford	29.00	20	500 @ 29
COTTONS			
Ewo	240		

Rubber Futures In S'pore

Singapore, Oct. 30.
Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb. November	72 1/2 - 73
December	70 1/2 - 71
January	70 1/2 - 71
Number 2 rubber, November	71 1/2 - 72
December	69 1/2 - 70
January	69 1/2 - 70
Number 4 rubber, Spot rubber, unsmoked	68 1/2 - 69
Blanket crepe	70 1/2 - 71
No. 1 pale crepe	—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local financial exchange market this morning at the following rates:
U.S. dollar (per \$1) 61 1/2
Sterling note (per £1) 15 1/2
Indonesian guilders (per 100) 97.50
Siam ticals (per 100) 24.70
Singapore (Straits) 18.25
FIC piastres (per 100) 11.75

American Firms May Buy More Natural Rubber

New York, Oct. 30.

Domestic rubber companies may increase their buying of natural rubber but it will not be done at the instigation of the U.S. Government, according to Mr. John Collier, President of the B. F. Goodrich Company.

Mr. Collier said that U.S. rubber makers are using about 65 per cent synthetic and 35 per cent natural rubber.

The ratio would probably change slowly to 50 or 40, if natural rubber held its present price of around 27 cents a pound, New York. Synthetic rubber is now 23 cents a pound.—United Press.

Japanese Exchange Accounts

Tokyo, Oct. 30.

A \$12,000,000 unfavourable balance was recorded in Japan's foreign exchange accounts for October 1 to 20, according to statistics compiled by the Bank of Japan.

Receipts were \$10,054,000 against payments totalling \$22,492,000.

Exports totalled \$64,612,000 or a \$1,000,000 decrease from the corresponding period the preceding month.

Imports reached \$64,003,000 or a \$500,000 increase over the corresponding period, the previous month.

The adverse balance was \$29,591,000.

Invincible trade receipts were only \$40,042,000 as against payments of \$29,489,000 of which \$20,000,000 were spent for purchase of U.S. Government securities and bonds of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The favourable balance was \$10,553,000.

Japan's coal production for the first half of the current fiscal year ending September 30 totalled 23,133,248 tons, an increase of 1,140,000 tons compared with the same period last year.

Shipments of coal for the same period, however, fell short of the production figure by 1,700,000 tons.

It was explained that this means that coal went into stocks during the last six months.

Stocks at the end of September stood at 2,687,285 tons.—France-Press.

JOINT POLICY DEMANDED

London, Oct. 30.

Mr. Leslie Garrard, President of the Institute of Export, called on the Commonwealth "to trade together as one unit, rid ourselves of the fetters of the GATT (General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs) and go all out for Imperial Preference."

He warned that although the recession was passing, a rather grim prospect still faced Britain, whose exporters are fighting increased foreign competition.

Urging the formulation of a coherent policy to manage Commonwealth trade, he said the Commonwealth should jointly survey all its possible resources and agree on a development plan in the interest of all its members. —Reuters.

Industrial Survey

Taipei, Oct. 30.

An 11-man industry surveying group sponsored by the Provincial Industry Guild will leave for Tokyo tomorrow for a month's tour of Japanese industrial cities.—France-Press.

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"JISADANR" Nov. 10	Belawan, Deli, Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"JIPANAN" Nov. 12	Japan
"STRAAT MALAKKA" Nov. 15	Manila, Singapore, S. & S. Africa & S. America
"JILUWAI" Nov. 18	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TOKORUNG" Nov. 20	Japan
"VAN HOUTEN" Nov. 22	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"JIWANOF" Dec. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TASMAN" Dec. 8	Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Deli, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"JIPANAN" Dec. 9	Japan
"TIGELBERG" Dec. 9	Manila, Singapore, S. Africa & S. America
"STRAAT BOENDA" Dec. 10	Manila, Singapore & S. Africa
"JITIALENGKA" Dec. 12	Japan
"JILUWAI" Dec. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"JIKAMPER" Dec. 23	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"HOISEVAIN" Dec. 31	Japan
"JIWANOF" Jan. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"RUYN" Jan. 9	Manila, S. Africa & S. America
"VAN HOUTEN" Jan. 10	Singapore, S. Africa & S. America
"JILUWAI" Jan. 10	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"JITIALENGKA" Jan. 16	Japan
"STRAAT MALAKKA" Feb. 1	Japan
"JIWANOF" Feb. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"JITIALENGKA" Feb. 9	Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"JIPUNDOK" Feb. 11	Manila, Singapore & S. Africa

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IN Peter's hostel there were many of his countrymen. Some had once been wealthy, some had always been poor; now, all of them owned so little that all their possessions would pack into a small bag, or, in the case of many, into the pockets of their shabby suits.

Among them all there was a kind of comradeship and a kind of pride. Peter broke the code. He stole a mackintosh—he had pawned his own—from a fellow-lodger, a man whose need of it

Mineworkers' Claim Rejected

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"Hate Australia"

He said that Australia meant nothing to the Polish party.

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

must never regard themselves as New Australians but always as Poles. "The government, the trade unions, the Commonwealth Employment Services all come in for criticism."

FOMENTING TROUBLE

Radio Hongkong

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H.K.T. Program Summary: 6:00
Vocal Gems from Jack Hyllion
Production "Let your Life be a
Song" (10:00) by Mike
Lee and Alan and S. K. Lee by Mike
0:50, Organ Solo: 7, London Studio
Solo: 10:00, Organ Solo: 10:00
conducted by George Melachro
with the Peter Knight Singers
10:00, Organ Solo: 10:00
presented by Maria and John De
delly (Studio): 10:00, Organ Solo:
10:00, Organ Solo: 10:00, Organ Solo:
and News Talk (London) 10:00
10:00, William (London) 10:00
10:00, Organ Solo: 10:00, Organ Solo:
Singing by Lily Foss (Soprano) and
Richard Becker (Tenor): 10:00
10:00, Organ Solo: 10:00, Organ Solo:
presented by Curtis Hindson
10:00, Organ Solo: 10:00, Organ Solo:
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George Scott to Maria written
10:00, Organ Solo: 10:00, Organ Solo:
Alan Hury... (BBC/TS): 10:00, No
Comments Novelty Ensemble: 10:00
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(London) Solo: 10:00, Organ Solo:
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10:00, Organ Solo: 10:00, Organ Solo:

"I told you those kids played a rough game of football—there must be a better way than that to keep young!"

TREASON TRIAL

General May Give Evidence

Assistant US Attorney Mos
Kove made the announcement
just before a recess in the
cross-examination of Capt.
Richard Sakakida. Testifyin
as a prosecution witness, Saka
kida said he was sent from
Hawaii to the Philippines on a
intelligence mission in Apr
1941

Royal Party's Departure Time Changed

It was officially announced this morning that Their Royal Highnesses the Duchess of Kent and her son will leave the Colony for Singapore by BOAC aircraft from Kai Tak at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning instead of 10 o'clock as previously arranged.

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Indonesian Government Strongly Criticised In HK Court Appeal Action

Government have 'purged' their contempt they cannot come here for the purpose of taking up the time of the Court.

"My Lords, I am prepared for

COUNSEL'S QUESTION

"My Lords, I am prepared for a hearing of six days on the appeals but the question is who is going to pay for it?"

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HK University Hall Named After Duchess

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THE DORSETS HERE

The First Battalion, Dorset Regiment, arrived here from Southampton in the troopship Empire Fowey this morning. The Battalion comes to Hongkong after four years' service in Austria.

An advance party of the Regiment arrived two weeks ago from the Faculty of Arts, Professor John Edmund Driver, Dean of the Faculty of Science, and Mrs Driver, Professor of English Language, Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, and Mrs Brown, Dr D. K. Sunny Pillai, President of the Hongkong University Alumni Association, and Mrs

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